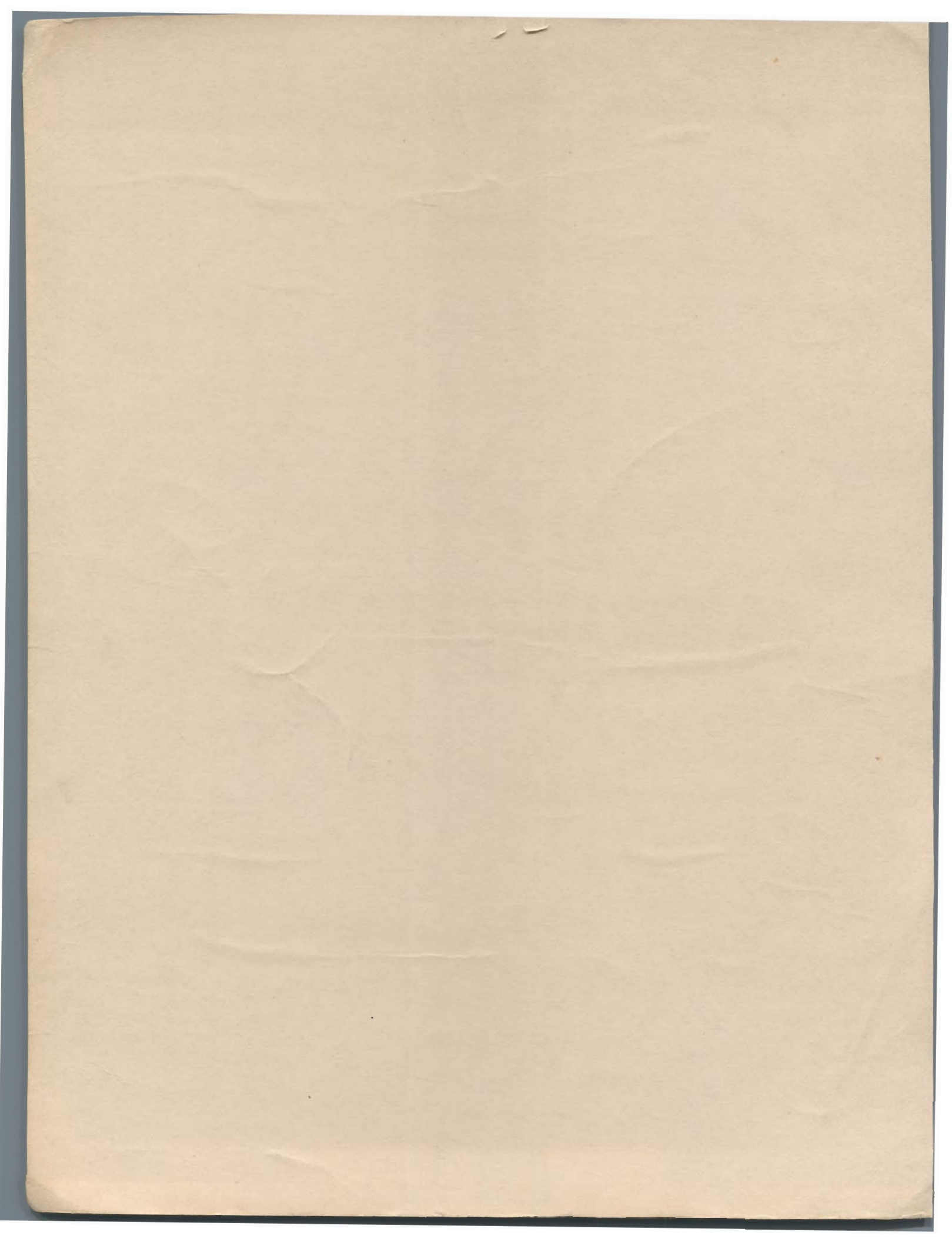


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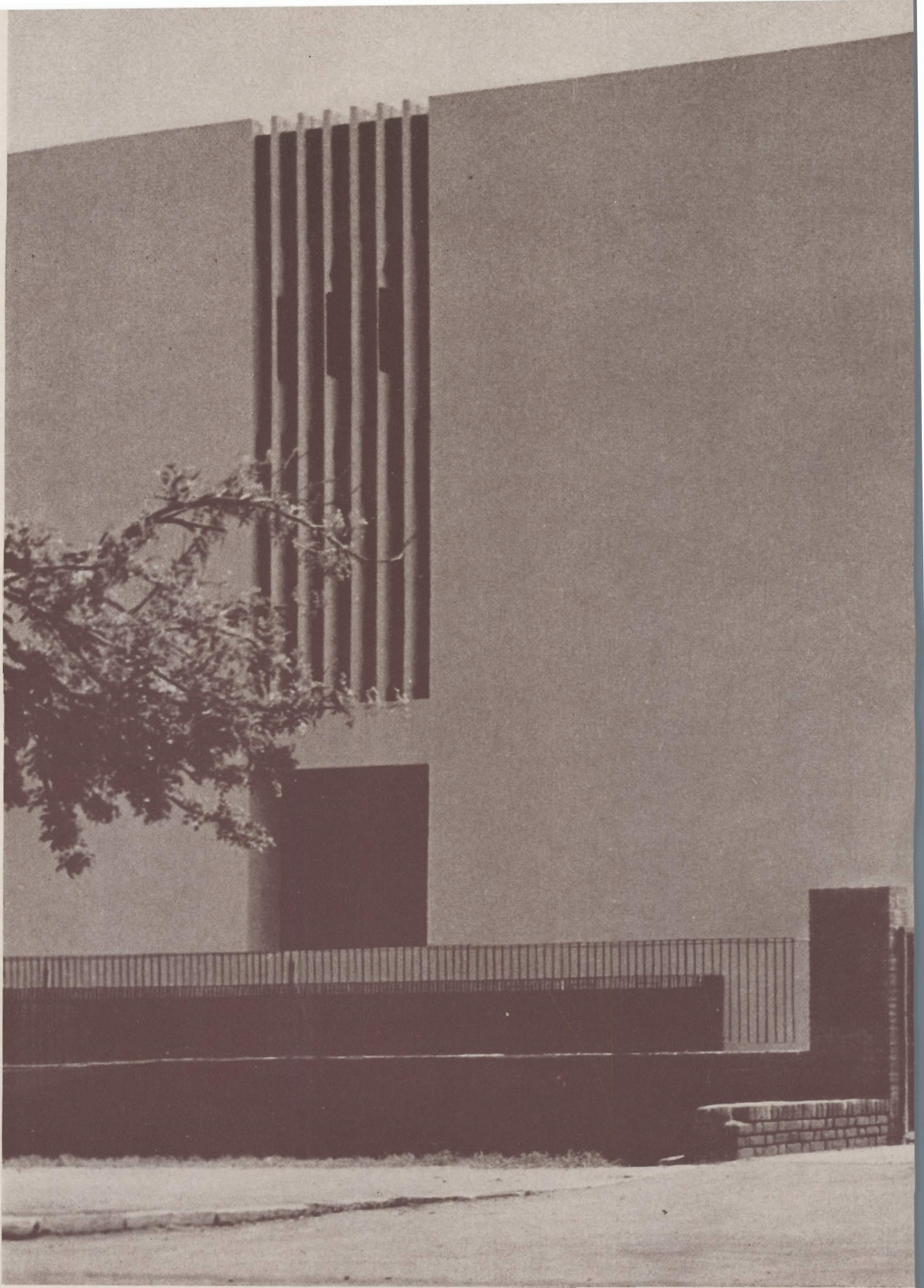
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## OUR NEW BUILDING

At the time of writing, our new building is almost complete. Begun, with the laying of the Foundation Stone by Rev. Br. A. A. Loftus, on Jan. 24th, 1967, the construction work has taken almost two years to complete.

About 400 boys are already in occupation of 14 classrooms. The first classes, Classes 7 and 8, moved in in early July and found their new classrooms very much to their liking. The rooms have excellent lighting, are well ventilated, and are devoid of glare.

The building will be officially known as "The Middle School Building" and will, from January 1969, house 25 classes—5th to 9th, inclusive. It will have a separate Vice-Principal.

By the time of re-opening in January, the science laboratory should be ready for use, as will the Social Studies Laboratory and the library. These are being furnished, at present. The Social Studies Lab., on the ground floor and just off the foyer, will accommodate a full class of 5 sections. The chairs are fixed in rows of eleven, on each side of the central passage-way, and promise to be durable, as well as being modern and artistic in design.

A noticeable, and notable, feature of the building is the foyer. It rises through two storeys and measures about 50 by 35 feet. The front is in frosted re-inforced glass, and is entered through six swivel doors. The ceiling is painted in a rich purple which is broken by white beams.

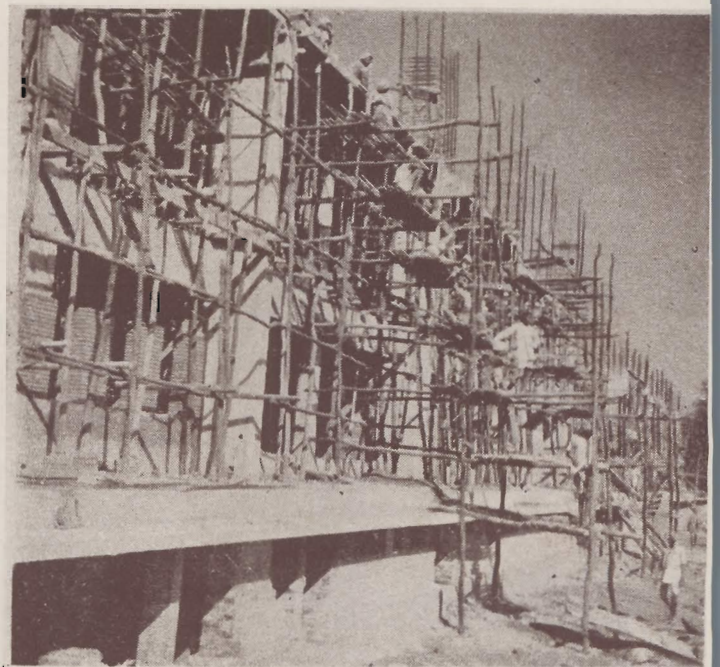
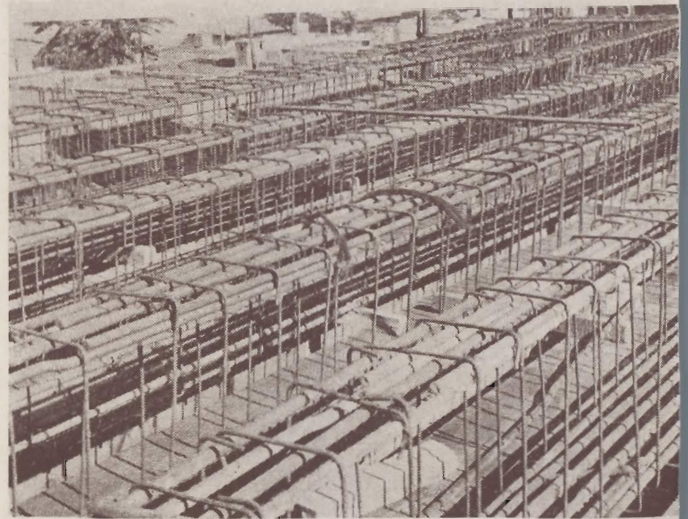
Visitors to the new building have been very favourably impressed by the planning of the classrooms, administrative section, sanitary section and other-purpose rooms. Each block of six classrooms is self-contained and will, ultimately and when funds allow, have a separate water cooler.

Ample provision has been made for storage, on each floor, but particularly in the semi-basement which houses a very spacious canteen and rooms for co-curricular activities, such as indoor games and music. The original plan of having tiered seating along the whole front of the building had to be scrapped, when it was found that this would affect the lighting of the basement. This necessary alteration has proved a great boon, as the rooms which are partly under ground level are as bright as any others in the building.

Changes in the original plan, to provide a corridor 10 feet wide and to give the building a more artistic finish, naturally added to the cost, as did the landscaping of the grounds. The School Management, taking into account rising building costs, thought it wise to get a good job done, once and for all. To this end, a loan had to be raised to pay the Rs. 25/- lakh bill for the work. This necessitated raising a substantial loan which will have to be repaid, within the next few years. But trust in God, and in the generosity of our benefactors, has brought a very necessary building scheme to completion. The finished product is something of which our pupils, their parents and the School Authorities can be really proud.

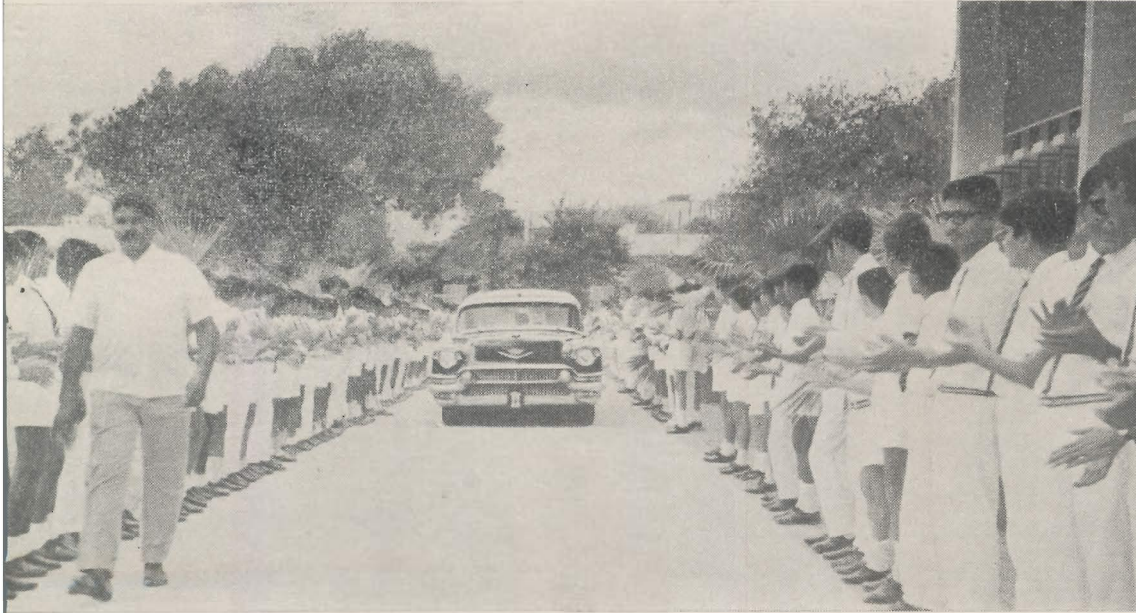


January 24th 1967. Mr. A. N. Jha with Rev. Br. A. A. Lfotus and Mr. William Warnock, Irish Ambassador to India



THE NEW  
BUILDING  
UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION

# Mr. JACK LYNCH, PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND, VISITS ST. COLUMBA'S



Mr. LYNCH  
ARRIVES

*Shandon bells !*

IT was to be just a courtesy call. An ex-pupil of the Christian Brothers' Schools in Ireland would make a short visit to St. Columba's, as he would be in Delhi on August 6th. The visit would last for about twenty minutes, as every moment of the State Guest's visit in Delhi was scheduled for some function or the other. When Tuesday, the 6th, dawned, hurried

preparations for the visit were soon afoot.



Mr. S. K. Hukil was seen lining the games' field, at a most unreasonable hour. With rough sketch in hand, he expertly directed the "malis" who, from previous experience, knew where the lines should go. By 9-30 a.m. the all-clear was sounded and the boys in both Junior and Senior buildings were given last-minute instructions about the positions

they were to take up on the field, in a short while.

Our New Building had already assumed a festive look. Potted plants had been strategically placed along the drive, at the Market Road end of the building, and up the fourteen steps leading to the entrance hall. One could scarcely believe his eyes; the transformation of a newly grassed field had been sudden and complete. It was now a veritable shrubbery.

When the anxious moments had ticked away to 10.00 a.m., the ten classes in occupation in the New Building were marched out and positioned to form a guard of honour, along the drive. Various Government Officials made final checks, to see if everything was in order, while uninvited guests, presumably CID members, wandered nonchalantly about, as if they were wondering what all the preparations were about. One sat at the gate, looking for customers who needed a shave or a haircut!

At about 10.15 a wave of excitement swept through the waiting teachers and boys. A police officer, equipped with a "walkie-talkie" unit, passed along the news that the visiting party had left Rashtrapati Bhawan and was then on its way to the school. Periodically, from then on, we were informed of the whereabouts of the "official" car.

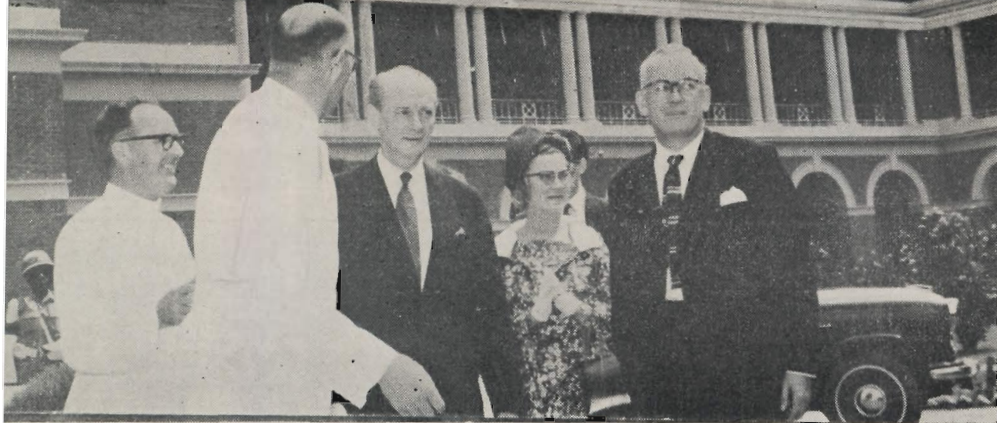
At 10.20 it was announced that the car had arrived at the Gole Post Office. Then the motor-cycle escort swung into Market Road, past the school, and the State car slowly turned in the gate. The boys who stood to

attention, at the road-end of the drive, gave the guest a hand-clapping welcome, which was taken up along the line, as Mr. Lynch waved his hand, in appreciation.

Waiting, at the bottom of the steps, were the Principal and some members of the Staff, to welcome the Prime Minister of Ireland, on behalf of all in St. Columba's. The Principal, Br. F. J. Steinmayer, did the honours and then introduced Mr. Lynch to those present. The visitor and his party were then taken on a hurried visit to some of the classrooms. There was a surprise in store for the Prime Minister, in Class 7-B. Mrs. Haider, who was taking an elocution lesson at the time, when asked which piece the class was working at, then, replied that "Shandon Bells" was the selected piece. By an unusual coincidence, "Shandon Bells" dealt with the chiming of the bells of a church tower in Cork City, South Ireland, Mr. Lynch's home town. Naturally, everybody thought that the elocution piece had been rehearsed, for the occasion. Class 7-B gave a polished rendering of the "bells", to the delight of the distinguished visitors.

Having visited the New Building, the party was next escorted to the steps of the Junior School Building. Classes seven and eight made a quick change-over to the main playing field, and were smartly lined up in their rows, when the party arrived.

As the visitors arrived at the entrance to the field, they were greeted with the



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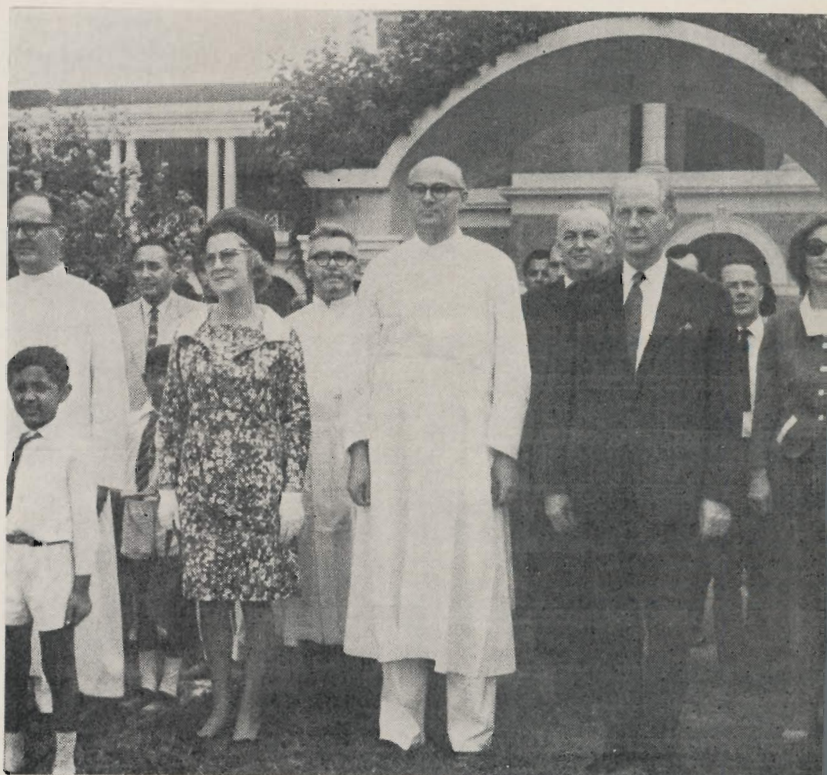
Standing to Attention for  
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

National Anthem of Ireland, followed by the Indian National Anthem. The School Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. X. D'Souza, acquitted themselves very well, in rendering the anthems. The Irish National Anthem brought back to Mr. Lynch happy memories of his young days, when he represented his county in Irish National Games' Finals—days when he was considered one of the foremost exponents of Hurling.

When the Distinguished Guest had been escorted to the reception dais, he was officially welcomed by the Principal. Rajeev Dubey, of 10-B, then read an address of welcome, the text of which is given below.

In reply, the Prime Minister expressed his gratitude for the welcome he had been given and the surprises that he had met with, during his short visit. He further referred to his association with the Christian Brothers, and went on to say a few words of advice, to his young listeners.

An unusual feature of the Prime Minister's address was that he introduced and ended his short speech in the Gaelic Language, a language which his listeners, for the most part, had never heard previously. As they wondered which tongue he had spoken, Mr. Lynch repeated his words in English. Rajeev Dubey had earlier used some words—difficult to pronounce correctly—of the same language. This was a pleasant surprise for Mr. Lynch.



When the Principal had thanked the Prime Minister, for his finding time to visit St. Columba's, and for the honour he had conferred on everybody, in doing so, a holiday was announced. That was the real treat for the two thousand boys assembled on the field.

The visiting party was then escorted to its cars, amidst loud hand-clapping. They next moved on to the Convent of Jesus and Mary, where they were given a reception, coloured with garlands and pageantry.

**TEXT OF ADDRESS READ  
TO MR. JACK LYNCH, PRIME  
MINISTER OF IRELAND,  
ON THE OCCASION OF  
HIS VISIT TO ST.  
COLUMBA'S**

“On behalf of the Staff and Students of St. Columba's, I extend to you, Sir, a most sincere and cordial welcome to our school, on the occasion of your first visit to India. Our welcome is especially warm, as we feel especially proud to have with us, today, such an illustrious past pupil of the Brothers in Ireland.



Ties of friendship already exist between India and Ireland, as our Indian leaders, in the struggle for Independence, were inspired by the example of Irish nationalists.

It is a remarkable fact, in looking over the record of the years since famed 1916, that the top men in the Sinn Fein movement were all products of the Brothers in Ireland. Patrick Pearce, who signed Ireland's Declaration of Independence, in his own blood, and his brother William were products of our school in Dublin. Mr. John Griffith, Mr. Liam Cosgrave and Mr. de Valera are also ex-pupils of the Brothers in Ireland.

You, Sir, have followed in the footsteps of these men, and have had a very successful career as Minister of Education, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and as Finance Minister, before becoming Taoiseach. You have also distinguished yourself as an outstanding exponent of Hurling and Gaelic Football—the national games of Ireland.

I assure you, Sir, that, when you leave us, after this very short visit, you will take with you the good wishes of the entire school, and greetings from us, the youth of India, to the youth of Ireland.”



**IN REPLY TO THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME READ IN HIS HONOUR, MR. LYNCH SAID :**

“Reverend Superior and boys, I just said, in the Irish language, that I am very grateful to you all, for the wonderful welcome that you have given to my wife and me, and to the party that is with me, on this occasion.

This is the first Christian Brothers’ School, outside of the environs of Ireland and Great Britain, that I have visited. I am tremendously impressed by what I have seen. Just a few minutes ago, I heard Class VII-B reciting, in the course of its elocution instruction. The poem, ‘Shandon Bells’, was written by a priest, in Ireland. I heard it recited here better than I have heard it at home, I can assure you.

The associations that India has with Ireland are generally reflected in the manner in which each of us won our independence. And, indeed, we are very glad that you accord to us some of the credit, for the inspiration that the Indian leaders took, in initiating the struggle here. But the winning of Independence is one thing ; the using of Independence is another.

Independence means the right to manage your own affairs, not just politically but economically as well, and, when it comes to managing affairs, in the economic sense, when it comes to using Independence in that sense, it depends on you. Yours is the generation—you are the young people—who will bring Independence to full maturity. Therefore, India is relying on you, to assure that the political independence that has been won will be justified economically as well as otherwise. Therefore, while you are here, I am sure you will take full advantage of the instruction that the Brothers and their able band of teachers will give you. I am sure that India will not only maintain its rightful place in the world but, indeed, will enhance its position.”





ROINN AN TAOISIGH  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TAOISEACH

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17th September, 1968.

Dear Brother Steinmayer,

I am writing to tell you how grateful my wife and I were for the wonderful reception we got at St. Columba's High School. The address of welcome, its content and manner of delivery will be an abiding and pleasurable memory to me. The devoted work of the Irish Christian Brothers in India, as evidenced by your splendid school, made me feel very proud that I am a past pupil of the Brothers in Ireland.

It was a most unexpected pleasure to hear, so far from home, the recitation of "The Bells of Shandon".

I have pleasure in sending you herewith an autographed photograph as a small memento of our visit to India and to St. Columba's.

Yours sincerely,

Reverend Brother Francis J. Steinmayer,  
Principal,  
St. Columba's High School,  
Alexandra Place,  
New Delhi,  
India.

Academic  
Results  
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Distinctions  
of the  
1967 I.S.C. Class

# Results of the Indian School Certificate Examination 1967

## FIRST DIVISION

Rajiv Malhotra  
Michael J. Menezes  
Chidambaram Krishnan  
Sunil Manga  
Ajoy K. Mukarji  
Priya Bandhoo Rishi  
Sukhmandir Singh  
Anil K. Aggarwal  
Vasant K. Cycil  
Vijayeshwar D. Khanna  
Dinesh Kapoor  
Vivek Luther  
Rajesh Mathur  
Deepak Mathur  
Balakrishna Padmanaban  
Debabrata Ray  
Amreshwar P. Singh  
Ajit K. Seth  
Arvind Singh  
Deepak Yadav  
Rakesh Kumar Mathur  
Shankaran Nair  
Gautam D. Ramchandani  
Krishen Kumar Seth  
Vivek Ramrao Thakur  
Shamim Taj Ahmed  
Arun Anand  
Oscar Rui Braganza  
Omesh Chandra  
Vijay Chandra  
Sumit Chatterjee  
Romualdo W. Dalton  
Arvind Kumar Gupta  
Ravinder Kapur  
Subrata K. De  
Dev K. Chakravarty  
Apolinario Fernandes  
Rohit Baluja  
Anjan Barua  
Rajesh Berry  
Ajay Bhuchar  
Anil Ghambir  
Vibhor Gupta  
Naresh Chander Kapahi  
Alok Prasad  
Najeeb H. Jung  
Vipin Khanna  
Mandeep Singh Malik  
Ashok Kumar Mehra  
Anil Pahwa

Rajiv Sharma  
Jitender Adya  
Jyotirmoy Bhattacharjee  
Thomas George  
Amit Khanna  
Hemant S. Lall  
Sandeep Mathur  
Vijay K. Mathur  
Jasbinder S. Pruthi  
A. R. Radhakrishnan  
Sanjiv Sain  
Ravi Sayal  
Jayant Shah  
Madanjit Singh Oberoi  
Nirmal K. Mathrani  
Madhav Misra  
Vishwa Prakash  
Deepak Kumar Seth  
Paramjit Singh  
Sushil Vachani  
Amitabh  
Deepankar Barat  
Shaktibrata Bhattacharyya  
Rajiv Narayan Channa  
Verindra Kumar Chopra  
Satish Dayal  
Vinit Mohan Johri  
Bhaskar Chatterjee  
Venugopal Desikachari  
Pradeep K. Dubey  
Salem Jagannathan  
Rajeev Gopal Bal  
Tarun Kumar Basu  
Anil Bhargava  
Vijay Kumar Dewan  
Anil Kumar Gupta  
Ashok M. Hingorani  
Dennis Pereira

Vinay K. Bahl  
Partha S. Biswas  
Arun Bose  
John A. Finch  
Rattan D. S. Gandhi  
Jayanta Mukherji  
Bhalchandra S. Muzumdar  
Ajay Narain  
Ashok Pant  
Pawan K. Pershad  
Alok Sabharwal  
Naresh K. Sharma  
Harvinder Singh  
Barinder S. Sahni  
Atul K. Sarin  
Vibhu Kumar  
Valerio Sequeira  
Anthony Alexander Williams  
Anil Kumar Chopra  
Ravi M. Kaul  
Deepak Kumar  
Rajendra Kumar  
Gopinath Bhawnani  
Rakesh Kapoor  
Raj Singh Gupta  
Deepak Soni  
Rajiv Walia  
Shanker Banerjee  
Rajeev Berry  
Rajeev Kumar Chandra  
Felix S. Fernandez  
Raj Nath Jha  
Rakesh Nayyar  
Miguel C. Pais  
Anil Rana  
Chaganti Sridhar Rao  
Ramesh Chand Saini

## SECOND DIVISION

Prasannakumar G. Kane  
Arif Malhotra  
Man Mohan Kapur  
Dinesh Khanna  
Naresh Krishnaraya Kini  
Deep Kumar Kishore  
Pradeep Chander Lal  
Deepak Mathur  
Ramesh L. Ramchandani  
Anil Kumar Sood  
Arun R. Agarwal

## THIRD DIVISION

Kanwar Kumar Kohli  
Agnelo Miranda  
Ajay Narain  
Rakesh Sachdeva  
Osman Samion  
Rajesh Rajan Verma  
Kanwar Maharaj Singh Shergill  
Ramanuja Sinha  
Ashok K. Arora  
George Lewis Barreto  
Onkar Nath Chaddah

# THE FIRST EIGHTEEN

Name	Eng. Lang.	Eng. Lit.	Hindi	Physics	Chem.	Maths.	Biology	Aggregate
Rajiv Malhotra	2	2	—	1	2	2		9
Pradeep K. Dubey	2	2	—	1	2	1		8
Dev K. Chakravarty	2	2	3	—	2	1		10
Ravinder Kapur	1	2	2	—	2	1		8
Arvind Kumar Gupta	1	2	2	—	—	1	1	7
Verindra Kumar Chopra	2	—	2	2	2	2		10
Vijay Chandra	—	2	—	1	2	1	1	7
Amitabh	2	1	—	1	1	1		6
Sushil Vachani	3	1	—	1	1	1		7
Shankaran Nair	2	1	—	3	3	1		10
Nirmal K. Mathrani	3	1	—	1	2	2		9
Sanjiv Sain	3	2	—	1	2	1		9
Balakrishna Padmanaban	3	3	—	1	2	1		10
Sandeep Mathur	—	1	2	1	2	1		7
Vivek Luther	2	2	—	2	1	1		8
Hemant S. Lall	—	2	4	1	1	1		9
Dinesh Kapoor	2	1	—	—	2	2	2	9
Vibhor Gupta	2	1	—	2	2	1		8

# NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME

In an official letter, dated 23rd August, 1968, the following information was received from the Ministry of Education, Government of India :

To

The Principal,  
St. Columba's High School, New Delhi.

Subject :-

National Scholarships Scheme, 1967-68—Indian School Certificate Examination, December 1967—Award of.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that 14 scholarships have been allotted to the Indian School Certificate Examination, December, 1967. The candidates are to be selected in order of merit. The candidates mentioned below have passed the examination from your school, securing high merit positions. I request permanent residential addresses of the candidates may kindly be intimated to this Ministry so that application forms etc. may be got filled in from the candidates in order to judge their eligibility.

It is further requested that, if you are aware that the parental income of the candidate is above Rs. 500/- per month, the same may be intimated to the Ministry, so that the next candidate may be considered.

An immediate reply is requested.

Yours faithfully,

D. Sen Gupta

(for Secretary)

Amitabh      Sushil Vachani      Vijay Chandra      Nirmal K. Mathrani

The aggregate marks secured by those who qualified for the award of Merit Scholarships were :

Amitabh	6 points	S. Vachani	7 points
V. Chandra	7 points	N. K. Mathrani	9 points

# S U R V E Y

## ON THE INDIAN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE CLASS OF 1967

The 1967 survey is the fourth one that has been attempted in "The Columban", since the idea of making a survey on the out-going class was first thought of. Each year, this feature of our Annual proves to be difficult to combine, when one considers that, in the course of a few months after leaving school, our ex-pupils—the most recent batch—scatter far and wide over the country, while a few go abroad to pursue their studies. Questionnaires on what courses of study they are pursuing seem to find their way into waste-paper baskets or are, perhaps, left aside for filling in, at some later date. But, somehow, whether through "filling-in-the-blanks" or through second-hand sources, most boys make the deadline on time. However, there have been a few "untraceables" over the years. This year is no exception, there being one such who has seemingly left Delhi without leaving a forwarding address.

*Note :* Colleges mentioned in the survey are Delhi Colleges, unless otherwise designated.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>College Being Attended</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Pass or Honours</i>	<i>Distinctions or Scholarships won.</i>
Shamim T. Ahmed	Ist	Muslim Uni. (Aligarh)	Elect. Engin.	Honours	
Amitabh	Ist	St. Stephen's Coll.	Physics	Honours	All-India Merit Scholarship.
Arun Anand	Ist	Dayal Singh Coll.	Pre-Medical		
Deepankar Barat	Ist	Hindu Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Shaktibrata Bhattacharyya	Ist	Hindu Coll.	Chemistry	Honours	
Cscar Rui Braganza	Ist	I. I. T. Kanpur	Engin.	Honours	
Omesh Chandra	Ist	Marine Engin. Coll. (Bombay)	Marine Engin.		
Vijay Chandra	Ist	Hindu Coll.	Pre-Medical		
Rajiv Narayan Channa	Ist	St. Stephen's Coll.	Economics	Honours	

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Sumit Chatterjee	1st	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Anil Kumar Chopra	1st	Reg. Instt. of Tech. (Jamshedpur)	Elect. Engin.	Honours	
Virindra Kumar Chopra	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Physics	Honours	Science Talent Search Scholarship; Qualified for I. I. T.
Romualdo W. Dalton	1st	Hindu Coll.	B. Sc. (General)		
Satish Dayal	1st	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Arvind Kumar Gupta	1st	Hindu Coll.	Pre-Medical		Science Talent Search Scholarship
Vinit Mohan Johri	1st	Ramjas Coll.	Chemistry	Honours	
Ravinder Kapur	1st	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Ravi M. Kaul	2nd	Marine Engin. Coll. (Bombay)	Marine Engin.		
Deepak Kumar	2nd	Delhi Coll. of Engin.	Elect. Engin.	Honours	
Rajendra Kumar	2nd	N.D.A. Kharakvasla	Military Training (Officer)		
Ashok K. Arora	3rd	Dayal Singh Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Gopinath Bhawnani	2nd	Shri Ram Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Rakesh Capoor	2nd	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Bhaskar Chatterjee	1st	Hindu Coll.	History	Honours	
Subrata K. De	1st	Jadavpur University	Electronics	Honours	On Merit List of I.I.T. Entrance Exam.
Venugopal Desikachari	1st	Loyola Coll. (Madras)	Physics	Honours	
Dev K. Chakravarty	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Physics	Honours	Science Talent Search Scholarship
Pradeep K. Dubey	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Physics	Honours	Awarded Sujit Memorial Prize.
Apolinario Fernandes	1st	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Raj Singh Gupta	2nd	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Salem Jagannathan	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Chemistry	Honours	
Prasannakumar Kane	2nd	Coll. of Tech. (Madras)	Chem. Engin.	Honours	
Kanwal Kumar Kohli	3rd	Khalsa Coll.	Bach. of Arts	Pass	
Arif Malhotra	2nd	St. Xavier's Coll. (Bombay)	Not Stated	Not Stated	
Rajiv Malhotra	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Physics	Honours	Science Talent Search Scholarship



<i>Name</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>College Being Attended</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Pass or Honours</i>	<i>Distinctions or Scholarships won</i>
Michael J. Menezes	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Agnelo Miranda	3rd	Not in College	Shorthand		
Najeeb H. Jung	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	History	Honours	
Ajay Narain	3rd	R.L.A. College	Bach. of Arts	Pass	
Manmohan Kapur	2nd	D.A V. Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Dinesh Khanna	2nd	Hans Raj Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Vipin Khanna	1st	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Naresh K. Kini	2nd	Manipal Engin. Coll. (Mysore)	Mech. Engin.	Honours	
Deep Kumar Kishore	2nd	Agri. Coll. & Research Instt. (Himachal)	B.Sc. Agri.	Honours	
Chidambaram Krishnan	1st	Hindu Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Pradeep Chander Lal	2nd	B.I.T. & Science (Pilani)	Business Admn.		
Mandeep Singh Malik	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Sunil Manga	1st	Reg. Engin. Coll. (Kurukshetra)	Mech. Engin.	Honours	
Deepak Mathur	2nd	Deshbandhu Coll.	Bach. of Arts	Pass	
Ashok Kumar Mehra	1st	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Ajoy K. Mukarji	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Anil Pahwa	1st	Marine Engin. Coll. (Bombay)	Marine Engin.		
Ramesh L. Ramchandani	2nd	No Information available			
Priya Bandhoo Rishi	1st	Hindu Coll.	Chemistry	Honours	
Rakesh Sachdeva	3rd	St. Xavier's Coll. (Calcutta)	Commerce		
Rajiv Sharma	1st	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Sukhmandir Singh	1st	I.I.T. Delhi	Mech. Engin.	Honours	
Anil Kumar Sood	2nd	Dehra Dun Coll.	B. Sc. Gen.	Pass	
Jitender Adya	1st	Deshbandhu Coll.	B.Sc. Gen.	Pass	
Anil K. Aggarwal	1st	I.I.T. Delhi	Civil Engin.	Honours	Passed Science Talent Search Examination.
Arun R. Agarwal	2nd	Kirori Mal Coll.	B.Sc. Maths.	Honours	
Vinay K. Bahl	2nd	Hans Raj Coll.	History	Honours	
Jyotirmoy Bhattacharjee	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Physics	Honours	Passed Science Talent Search Examination.
Partha S. Biswas	2nd	Marine Engin. Coll. (Calcutta)	Marine Engin.	Honours	

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Arun Bose	2nd	R.I.T. Jamshedpur	Elect. Engin.	Honours	
Vasant K. Cyclic	1st	A.C. Coll. of Tech. (Guindy, Madras)	Chem. Engin.	Not Stated	One of 40 selected from "1,000 plus" applicants
John A. Finch	2nd	Delhi Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Rattan D.S. Gandhi	2nd	Delhi Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Thomas George	1st	Muslim Uni. (Aligarh)	Pre-Medical		
Vijayeshwar D. Khanna	1st	I.I.T. Kanpur	Aero. Engin.	Honours	
Amit Khanna	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Bach. of Arts	Pass	O.C.A. Secretary for 1968
Dinesh Kapoor	1st	Hans Raj Coll.	Pre-Medical		
Hemant S. Lall	1st	I.I.T. Kanpur	Elect. Engin.	Honours	
Vivek Luther	1st	I.I.T. Kanpur	Mech. Engin.	Honours	Passed Science Talent Search Examination.
Sandeep Mathur	1st	I.I.T. Kanpur	Electronics		
Rajesh Mathur	1st	Kirori Mal Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Vijay K. Mathur	1st	Hans Raj Coll.	B.Sc. (General)	Pass	
Deepak Mathur	1st	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Jayanta Mukherji	2nd	Ramjas Coll.	English	Honours	
Balchandra S. Muzumdar	2nd	Sydenhen Coll. (Bombay)	Commerce	Honours	
Ajay Narain	2nd	Hindu Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Ashok Pant	2nd	Dayal Singh Coll.	B.Sc. (General)	Pass	
Pawan K. Pershad	2nd	Hans Raj Coll.	History	Honours	
Jasbinder S. Pruthi	1st	Khalsa Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Balakrishna Padmanaban	1st	I.I.T. Madras	Electronics	Honours	
A.R. Radhakrishnan	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Chemistry	Honours	
Debabrata Ray	1st	Deshbandhu Coll.	Pre-Medical		
Alok Sabharwal	2nd	Hans Raj Coll.	B.Sc. (General)	Pass	
Sanjiv Sain	1st	I.I.T. Bombay	Elect. Engin.	Honours	
Naresh K. Sharma	2nd	S.D.B. College (Simla)	Pre-Medical		
Harvinder P. Singh	2nd	Hans Raj Coll.	B.Sc. (General)	Pass	
Amreshwar P. Singh	1st	N.D.A. Kharkvasla	Military Training (Officer)		
Barinder S. Sahni	2nd	Gone to England	Chartered Acct.		

<i>Name</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>College Being Attended</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Pass or Honours</i>	<i>Distinctions or Scholarships won</i>
Deepak Soni	2nd	Hindu Coll.	Bach. of Arts	Pass	
Rajiv Walia	2nd	No information			
Rohit Baluja	1st	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Rajeev Gopal Bal	1st	Loyola Coll. (Madras)	Economics	Honours	
Shanker Banerjee	2nd	Hans Raj Coll.	Commerce	Pass	
George Lewis Barreto	3rd	Hans Raj Coll.	Bach. of Arts	Pass	
Anjan Barua	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Physics	Honours	
Tarun Knmar Basu	1st	Hindu Coll.	Chemistry	Honours	Passed Science Talent Search Exam.
Rajesh Berry	1st	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Rajeev Berry	2nd	Dayal Singh Coll.	Commerce	Pass	
Anil Bhargava	1st	I.I.T. Delhi	Chem. Engin.	Honours	
Ajay Bhuchar	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Chemistry	Honours	
Onkar Nath Chadha	3rd	D.A.V. Coll. (Chandigarh)	B.Sc. (General)	Pass	
Rajeev K. Chanana	2nd	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Vijay Kumar Dewan	1st	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Felix S. Fernandez	2nd	Hans Raj Coll.	Mathematics	Honours	
Anil Gambhir	1st	Govt. College (Chandigarh)	Pre-Medical		
Anil Kumar Gupta	1st	Kirori Mal Coll.	B.Sc.	Honours	
Vibhor Gupta	1st	I.I.T. Delhi	Mech. Engin.	Honours	Passed Science Talent Search Exam.
Ashok M. Hingorani	1st	Studying for A-Level Exam.			
Raj Nath Jha	2nd	St. Stephen's Coll.	Bach. of Arts	Pass	
Naresh C. Kapahi	1st	Shri Ram Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Rakesh Nayyar	2nd	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Miguel C. Pais	2nd	Karnatak Reg. Coll. (Mysore)	Elect. Engin.	Honours	
Dennis Pereira	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Alok Prasad	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Anil Rana	2nd	Kirori Mal Coll.	English	Honours	
Chaganti S. Rao	2nd	Hindu Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Ramesh Chand Saini	2nd	Hindu Coll. (Sonepat)	Pre-Engineering		
Osman Samion	3rd	Oberoi Hotel	Catering		

<i>Name</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>College Being Attended</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Pass or Honours</i>	<i>Distinctions or Scholarships won</i>
Atul K. Sarin	2nd	Instt. of Hotel Mang.	Hotel Administration.		
Ravi Sayal	1st	Hindu Coll.	Commerce	Not Stated	
Ajit K. Seth	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Chemistry	Honours	Passed Science Talent Search Exam. & I. I. T. Entrance Examination.
Jayant Shah	1st	I. I. T. Kanpur	Engineering	Honours	
Arvind Singh	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	History	Honours	
Madanjit Singh Oberoi	1st	Reg. Engin. Coll. (Tiruch. Madras)	Chem. Tech.	Honours	Holds a Merit Scholarship (2nd place in College).
Rajesh Rajan Verma	3rd	Kirori Mal Coll.	History	Honours	
Kanwar Maharaj Singh Shergill	3rd	N.D.A. Kharakvasla	Military Training (Officer)		
Deepak Yadav	1st	Govt. Coll. (Chandigarh)	Pre-University		
Vibhu Kumar	2nd	Kirori Mal Coll.	B. Sc. (General)	Pass	
Nirmal K. Mathrani	1st	I.I.T. Kanpur	Elect. Engin.	Honours	
Rakesh K. Mathur	1st	Dayal Singh Coll.	Pre-Medical		
Madhav Misra	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Shankaran Nair	1st	Gone to England			
Vishwa Prakash	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Economics	Honours	Passed I.I.T. Entrance Exam.
Gautam D. Ramchandani	1st	I.I.T. Delhi	Elect. Engin.	Honours	Secured 17th, place in I.I.T. Entrance Examination.
Valerio Sequeira	2nd	Shri Ram Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Deepak Kumar Seth	1st	St. Stephen's Coll.	Economics	Honours	
Krishen Kumar Seth	1st	Shri Ram Coll.	Commerce	Honours	
Paramjit Singh	1st	Dayal Singh Coll.	Pre-Medical		
Ramanuja Sinha	3rd	To join college in Patna	Not Stated		
Vivek Ramrao Thakur	1st	Kirori Mal Coll.	English	Honours	
Sushil Vachani	1st	I.I.T. Kanpur	Mech. Engin.	Honours	Secured 16th place in I.I.T. Entrance Exam., Qualified for the award of Science Talent Search and All-India Merit Scholarships.
Anthony A. Williams	2nd	Training as Commercial Pilot.			

## Roll of Honour

THE following boys obtained First Place in School in the Senior Cambridge/Indian School Certificate Examination.

- 1942 M. Kripalani
- 1943 M. Benegal
- 1944 A. E. Morshed
- 1945 A. J. Ferting
- 1946 K. K. Roy-Chowdhury
- 1947 J. D. Lakshmanan
- 1948 B. N. Kumar
- 1949 V. Ambegoakar
- 1950 P. P. Gupta (All-India Entrance Scholarship)
- 1951 D. K. Das
- 1952 A. Rao
- 1953 F. Balchandani
- 1954 D. J. Jhirad (All-India Entrance Scholarship)
- 1955 P. Seyboth
- 1956 C. S. Iyer (All-India Entrance Scholarship)
- 1957 Vinod Bihari (All-India Entrance Scholarship)
- 1958 S. K. Shiralkar
- 1959 Pawan Chopra
- 1960 Vinod Gupta
- 1961 Sunil Sud
- 1962 Aamir Mustafa Kidwai (All-India Entrance Scholarship)
- 1963 Rajat Tandon (All-India Entrance Scholarship)
- 1964 Sanjay Shyam (National Merit Scholarship)
- 1965 Chandra Kiran (Science Talent Search, National Merit and I. I. T. Entrance Scholarships)
- 1966 Pankaj Tandon (All-India Entrance Scholarship)
- 1967 Amitabh (Science Talent Search, National Merit Scholarships)

## Analysis of Survey on 1967 I.S.C. Class

No. of boys studying in Indian Institutes of Technology	15
No. of boys doing honours Courses in Universities	95
No. of boys doing Engineering Courses, other than I.I.T. Courses	16
No. of boys studying in Delhi Colleges	99
No. of boys studying outside Delhi	44
No. of boys studying in Medical Colleges	10
No. of boys who have joined the N.D.A.	3
No. of boys who have gone abroad	2

### Break-up of Courses


		In 1966
Physics Honours	8	2
Chemistry Honours	8	5
Mathematics Honours	1	6
Economics & Commerce Honours	47	40
English Honours	3	7
History Honours	5	3
Engineering Honours	23	38
General Subjects	39	—

### Most Popular Colleges


	No. of boys there
St. Stephen's College	25
Shri Ram College	18
Hindu College	12
Hans Raj College	7
Kirori Mal College	6
Dayal Singh College	5

### Indian Institutes of Technology

Kanpur	8
Delhi	5
Madras	1
Bombay	1



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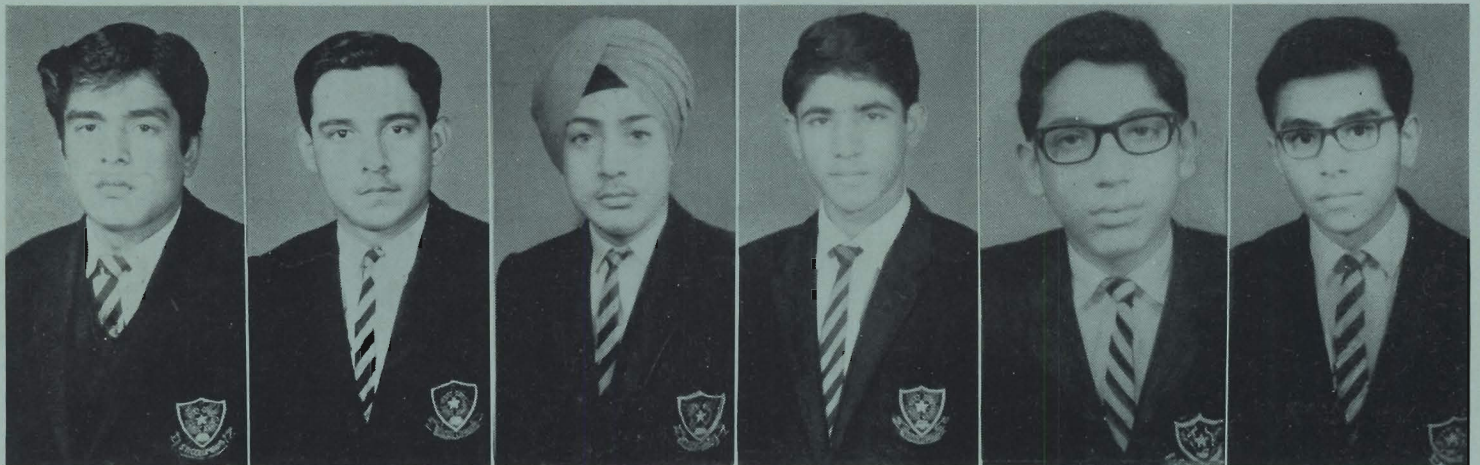
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Rajiv Kumar

G. K. Swarup

S. A. Kanvinde

Dev Prakash Vaish



K. R. Raisingani

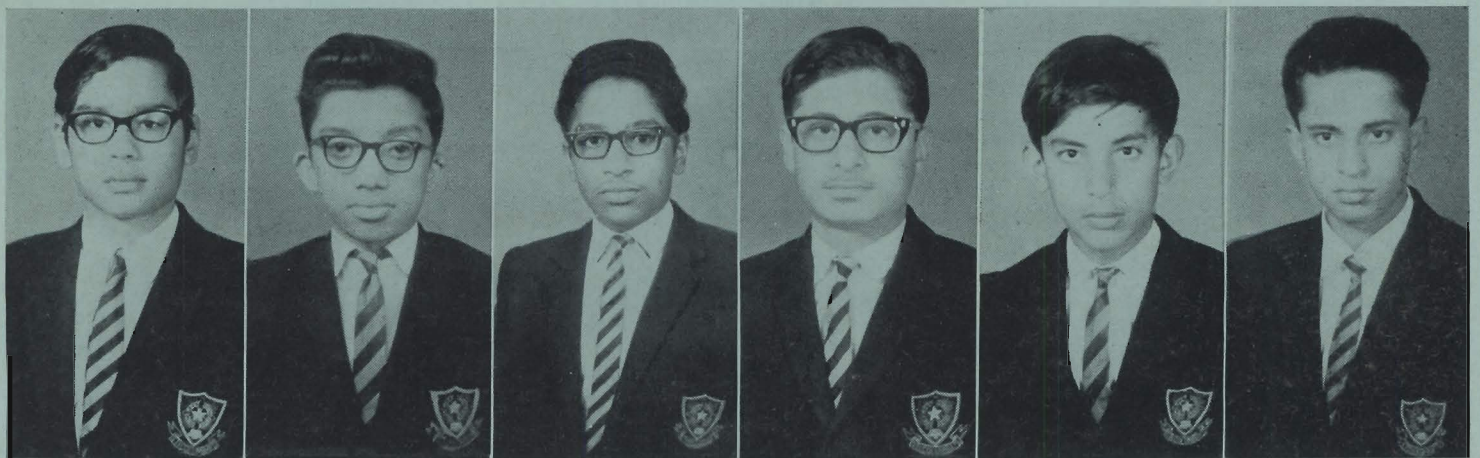
P. C. Sawhney

P. Singh Kohli

Rakesh Kapoor

M. M. Shiydasani

Anil Bhatia



Anand Daftary

Sunil Damodar

Abraham Abraham

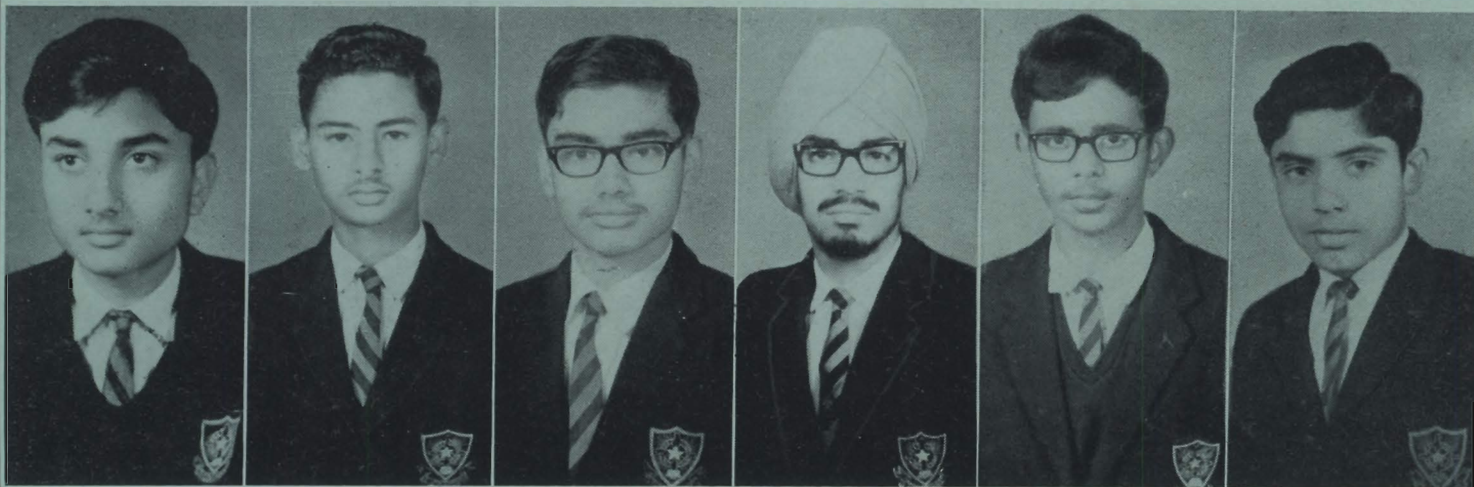
Raju Primlari

Suresh Hingorani

S. I. Yar Khan

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**Naveen Kumar Lali**

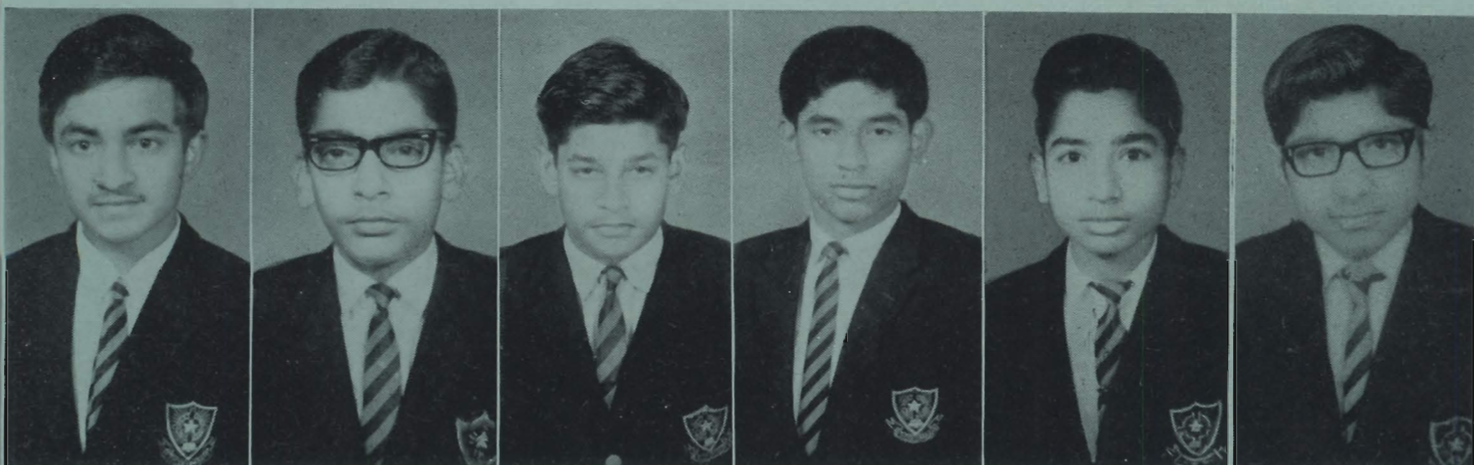
**K. Devassy Paul**

**Ambar Chaterjee**

**Tejbir Singh**

**J. K. Dev**

**Vivek Sachdev**



**Pradip Narain**

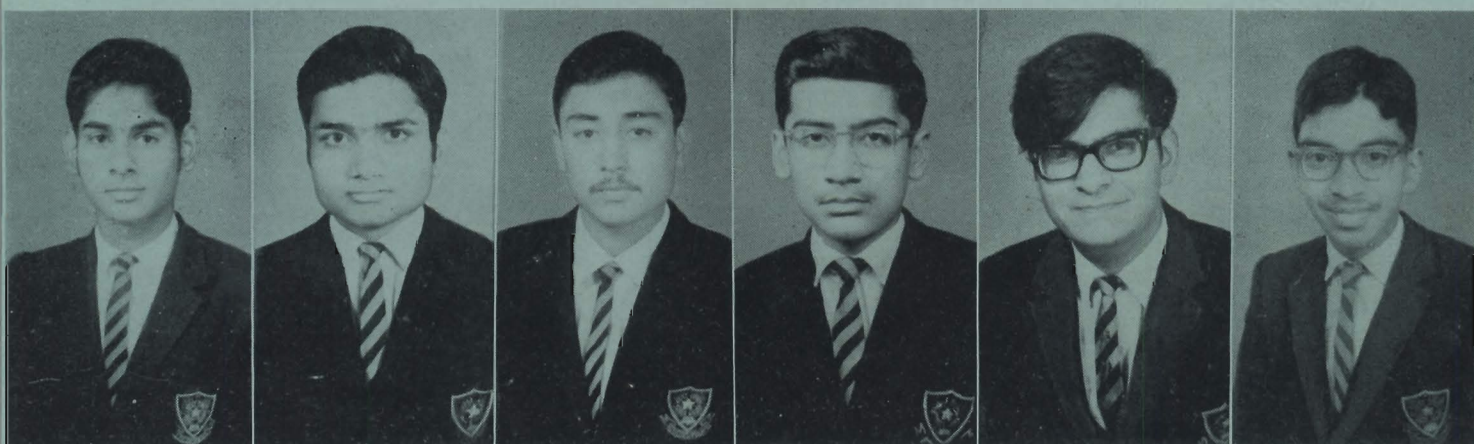
**Vidhur Seth**

**Atul Kripesh**

**Prem Prabhu**

**Shekar Narasimhan**

**Suresh Shivdasani**



**Paul Noronha**

**A. K. Jain**

**Pritam Singh**

**Anil Bhatla**

**Ashok Kumar Jain**

**R. Ravi Nair**

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Vijay K. Fotedar

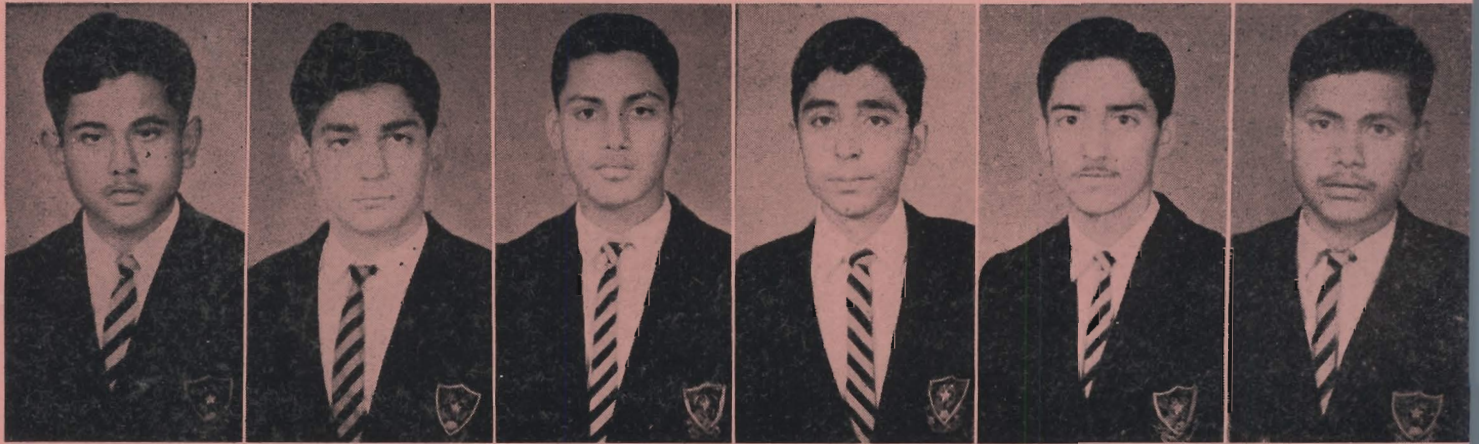
Ahmed Shafi Ikhlas

Samir K. Banerjee

Chetan Devraj

Naveen Kumar Trehan

Raja V. Gopal



Gautam Shiralkar

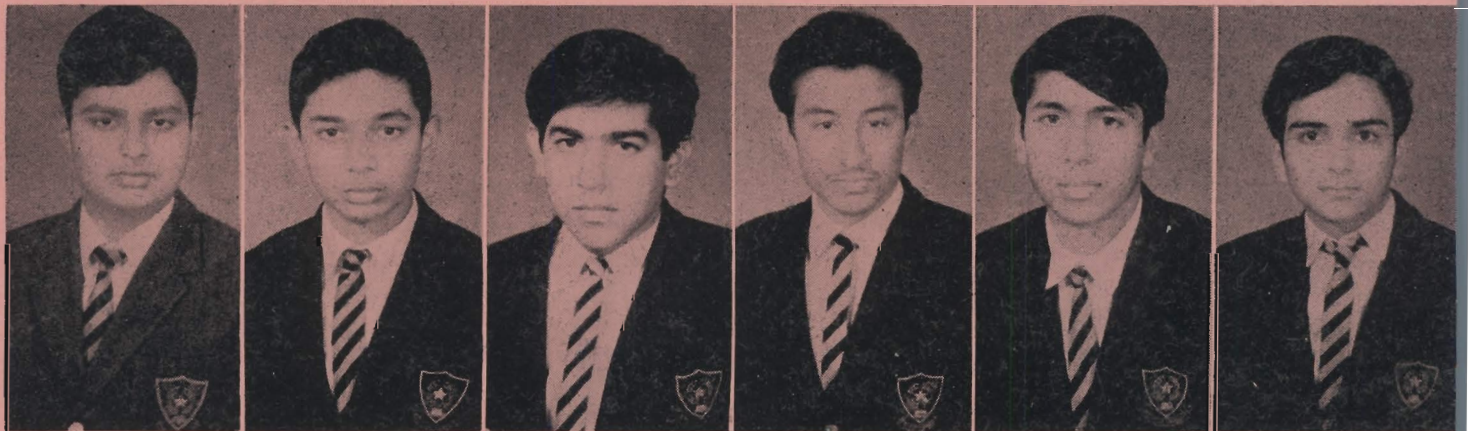
Naraïnd Kapur

Rakesh Bhatnagar

Pradeep Chawla

Anil Krishan Kapur

Bijoy Bose



Navneet Khanna

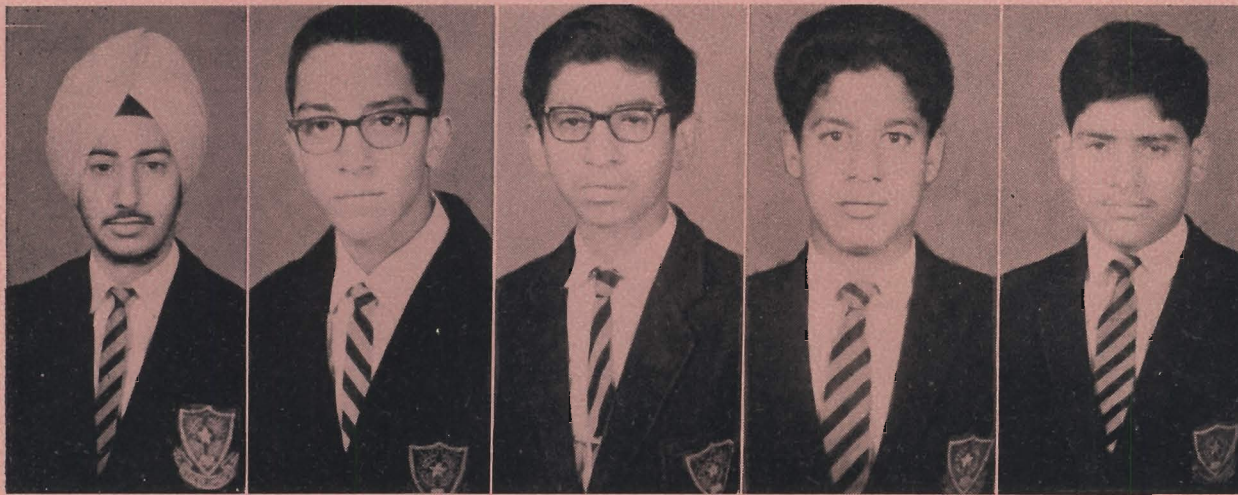
J. Subrahmanian

Manoj Chhabra

A. B. Singh

Jagdîsh Yardi

Subodh K. Jain



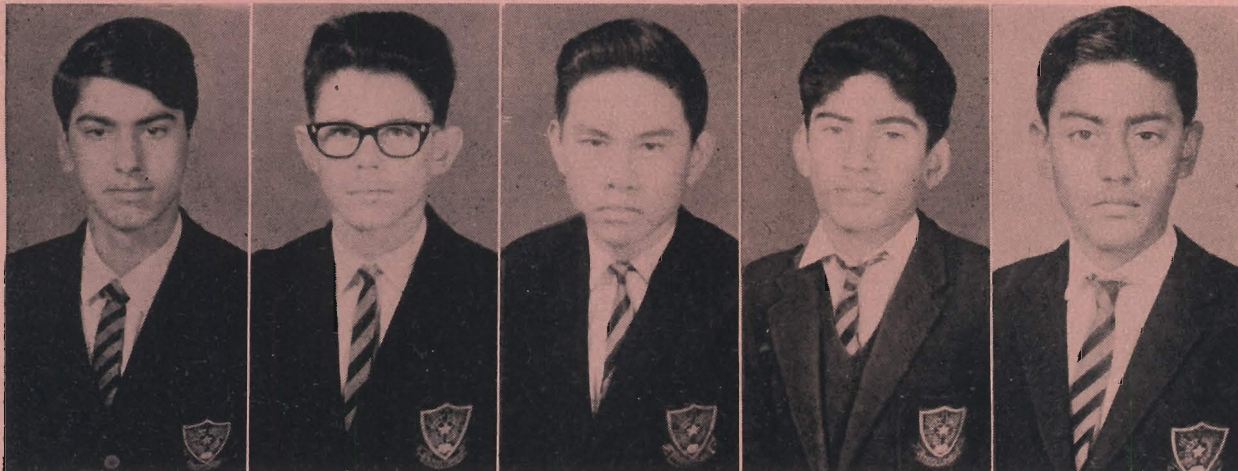
**M. S. Uberoi**

**Dorian Punj**

**Prem Khilnani**

**Rajendra Dhar**

**Joytir Bikash Sen**



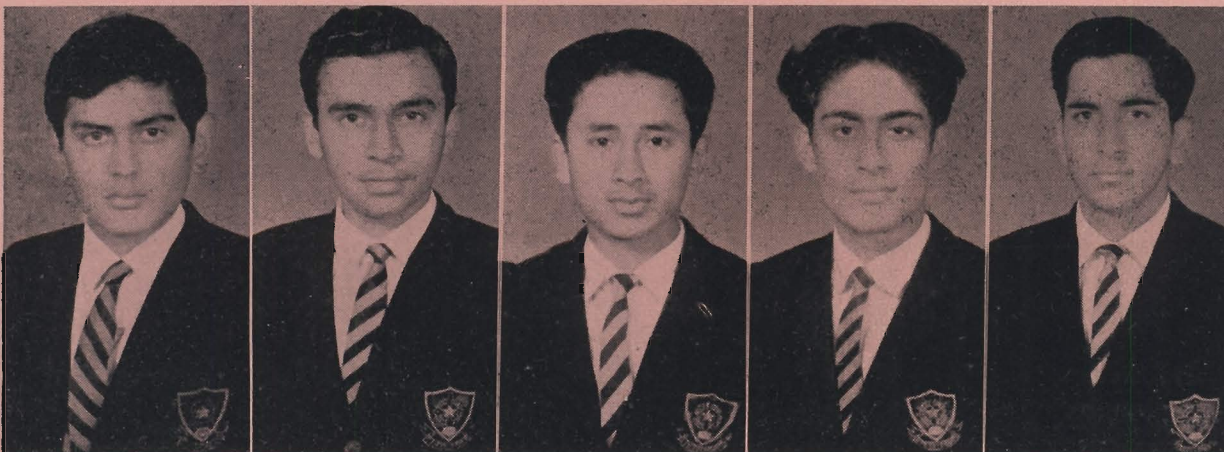
**Rajan Chopra**

**Ronald G. Armstrong**

**Vincent L. Chan**

**Ajit Kurup**

**Dhrubo Kumar Sircar**



**Satinder M. Bedi**

**Naresh C. Chadha**

**Jaimini Bhagvati**

**Sanjay Ganguli**

**Ashok Khanna**

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# INDEPENDENCE DAY CE



Some of the Staff

Major General Batra presided at our Independence Day Celebrations this year. Our Senior School boys, only, were drawn up in military-style formation, in front of the Old Building, for the occasion.

Rajeev Dubey addressed the boys present, when the National Flag had been hoisted. Speaking in Hindi, he reminded his fellow-Columbans that

“the youth of India have yet to show their love for their country.” The problems that surround them are many but they should not be discouraged, since the country can prosper, if the youth of India become aware of their duties and fulfil them. “Love of Motherland should overrule all selfish motives.”

In a short, but inspiring, speech to

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the boys present, Major General Batra said :

“The National Flag is a symbol of a country’s past, present and future, of its position and its ideals. I have no doubt that you all know what the National Flag stands for. Just to remind you, today : the saffron at the top denotes courage and sacrifice ; the white in the middle, purity and the green, at the bottom, symbolizes self-confidence and prosperity. The Dharma Chakra, in the centre, and the words, “Truth alone triumphs”, is our national emblem. It stands for the “Rule of Law”, and dedication to justice and peace. This premier institution of the country has produced many distinguished leaders in different fields. Many of you follow in their footsteps and, I am sure, will become great men. I, therefore, would like to say a word to you, the students. We, in the army, pay a great deal of attention to discipline and I think that is one of the reasons for the efficiency and unity of the army. Study well and play hard. Above all, acquire the competitive spirit in whatever you have to do. I think, at this stage of your life, this is, perhaps, the best service you can render to your country.



It is also, I think, the best preparation for the leadership that our country will need in the future.

This flag went up twenty-one years ago, and it is our duty to see that it flies with honour and glory, so that it remains a symbol of our freedom, courage and sacrifice.”

The short, but inspiring, function was brought to a fitting conclusion with the rendering of the National Anthem by our School Orchestra.

## THE LOVI CHANDRASHEKHAR PRIZE

This prize has been instituted to perpetuate the memory of Lovi Chandrashekhar who was a pupil of Class IX B of St. Columba's, and who passed away, suddenly, on the 26th June, 1965.

Chandrashekhar, son of Col. Shivanath, was admitted to St. Columba's on Jan. 10th, 1963. In 1965 he was in Class IX B. On the 26th June he passed away, in a hospital in Poona, to the great grief of his parents.

He was a talented and meritorious pupil, and a dutiful son. He showed great promise and there was reason to hope that he would develop well.

### **Details of the Prize**

A sum of money, donated by his parents, has been placed in Fixed Deposit in a Delhi bank. The interest, on the sum in question, will be used to purchase a book prize which will be presented each year to a boy of outstanding merit in Class IX.

**Rajeev Dubey of Class IX-B was awarded the prize, for the year 1967**

*Note :— The recipient of the prize in 1966 was Bhaskar Sikder*

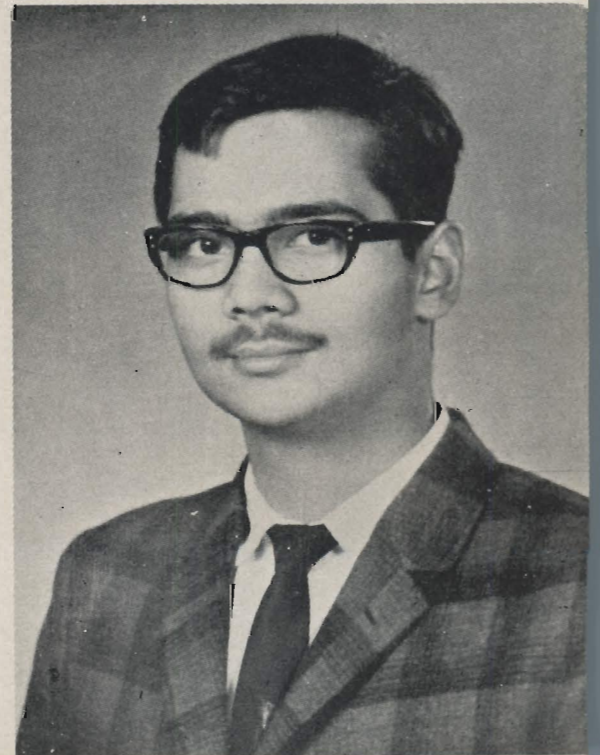
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*Sujit Memorial Prize*

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This prize is awarded annually to the best boy in Class XI. The Principal selects the boy on the basis of his character, and an all-round performance in studies, sports and other school activities. This year—the sixth—the Prize has been awarded to Pradeep Dubey



# THE LONGEST WORD

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Contributed by Suresh Sundaram

The title may indeed seem strange. No one, probably, would be able to name, or pronounce, the longest word in a particular language. But, for you and me, the following 28-lettered word is quite long enough. The word is ANTIDISESTABLISHMENTARIANISM. But this word belongs to the dim, distant past, is seldom used now-a-days and would scarcely stand a chance in a "long-word competition".

If you have been able to pronounce the long word above, then try your tongue at this tongue-twister :

PNEUMONULTRAMICROSCOPICSILICOVOLCANOKONIOSIS.

It is the real name for a disease of the lungs caused by extremely small particles of volcanic ash or dust. The word appeared in Webster's New International Dictionary, about thirty years ago.

And now that you know what that means, perhaps you are ready for this one : DIISOBUTYLPHENOXYETHYDIMETHYLBENZYLAMMONIUMCHLORIDE. By the time you have reached the end of the word you have forgotten where you have begun. The word appeared in the journal of the American Veterinary Association and is supposed to be the name of a drug.

To conclude, even places can have strange names, some of them much longer than those attributed to unusual drugs or diseases. New Zealand boasts of a place called :

TAUMATAMHAKATANGIHANGAKOAUAU-O-TAMATEATURIPUKAK-APIKIM-AUNGAHORONUKUPOKAIWHENUAKITANATAHU. It looks as if someone sat down some day and wrote letters down at random, to think that one up.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

*The Editor does not accept any responsibility for the correctness of the spelling of the words in the above article.*



## Centenary of the Christian Brothers in Australia

On the 15th November, 1868, the sailing ship, "The Donald McKay", dropped anchor at Melbourne, Southern Victoria, after a long, tedious journey of 84 days. The time of arrival was 8.00 o'clock in the evening.

Among those leaning over the rails, as the ship entered the harbour, were four Christian Brothers, from Ireland, who would soon sow a seed of learning that would blossom into a mighty tree over the next hundred years. The leader of that pioneering band bore the name of Br. Patrick Ambrose Treacy—a man to whom Australia owes a debt of gratitude that ever grows, and that time cannot repay.

The first Brothers' school in Australia was a make-shift one. It consisted of two simply furnished rooms, measuring thirty by twenty-six feet each. These were to house about 200 pupils when the school opened its doors on the 25th January, 1869.

From small beginnings, the Christian Brothers spread far and wide with the passing of the years. Today they have schools in almost every State of Australia. The following recently published statistics of their establishments, there, may be of interest to our readers :

S T A T E	No. of Schools
Western Australia	18
South Australia	5
Victoria	37
Queensland	31
New South Wales	33
Tasmania	7

Christian Brothers from Australia have also spread outside the confines of their own country, to the following places :

New Zealand	8 Schools
New Guinea	6 Schools

We rejoice with them on their reaching the first century, congratulate them on their glorious achievements and wish them "AD MULTOS ANNOS!"

## HERE AND THERE

### **The Trumpet**

The Trumpet continued to prosper in 1968, as it had in 1967, under the guidance of Mr. J. Johnson and his 10-B Editorial Board. There were eight editions of the bulletin during the year, some of which were eight-page bumper issues. It had become so well-known and widely read that some business people in town thought it a suitable medium for advertising. This probably helped The Trumpet out of its financial difficulties, the pittance being charged per copy not being able to keep it in the "black". Reprints of photographs dealing with school activities were published this year. This, I should think, was a bold and very wise innovation.

The Editor of The Columban gratefully acknowledges all the information filched from The Trumpet, for this 1968 issue. Thanks goes, especially, to Mr. Johnson, for the texts of speeches given on big occasions, during the school year of '68.

### **The Changing Scene**

Boys who, over the years, studied in the I. S. C. classroom, at the top of the stairs, facing C. J. M., may be interested to know that their "old haunt" is now part of the Chemistry Lab. One other classroom on the Convent side has also been vacated, that looking out on the servants' quarters, on one side, and on C. J. M., on the other.

### **Watch the Birdie :**

If all those who claimed the right to appear in the Annual, under one pretext or another, had been listened to, The Columban of 1968 would have been double its present size. Some had to be disappointed, though we did try to accommodate more faces than in former years. The boys in Classes 7 and 8 were particularly lucky, as they happened to be first tenants of our new building. Smiles were willingly "turned on". One little fellow was heard to berate a classmate because the latter moved during the taking of the photograph.

### **A Family Scoop**

The Dubey boys must rank as the outstanding family of 1967. Pradeep, the oldest, was awarded the Sujit Memorial Prize, for being the most outstanding

student in the I. S. C. Class, Rajeev bagged the Lovi Chandershekar Prize, for being the best student in the 9 ths, and Ravi stood 1st in his class, Class 8-B.

This year, 1968, Rajeev and Ravi played leading roles in the Annual Concert of the school, and were also outstanding in games.

### **Rotary Club Award**

Rajiv Khosla, of Class 11-A, was awarded a scholarship of Rs. 500/- by the Rotary Club of Delhi, at Sapru House, on May 2nd, 1968. Rajiv had been selected as a suitable candidate for the award, by the Principal. The final decision of nominating the awardee rested with a special committee, appointed by the Rotary Club of Delhi. "Success in studies, participation in co-curricular activities, and personality" were the criteria for selection.

Mr. Y. B. Chavan, Home Minister, presided at the prize-giving ceremony, where he listened to a speech on "The Impact of the Rotary Award on the Student Community", delivered by Rajiv. Four other awardees also spoke on the occasion.

### **On T.V.**

Four Columbans—R. Khullar (11-B), R. Dubey (10-B), B. Sikder (10-C) and R. Mani (10-C) — were facile winners of a T. V. Quiz Contest in February 1968. They beat another well-known Delhi School by 8 points to 2, in the final round.

### **The Olympic Games**

The thirst for the latest news on the Olympics was slaked, during the Games, by the boys of 10-B. The Notice Board outside the Senior School office was beautifully decorated with symbolic rings, flags and cut-outs from local newspapers. Score charts took up the major portion of the display boards, the tallies being written each morning.

Hundreds of boys must have consulted the notice boards, every day, to settle arguments, or to show how up-to-date they were. How the 10-B boys, led by N. Talwar, collected all the information they did is still a mystery.

When the Olympics were over, the decorators excelled themselves with a last big "splash", in the hope that a photo of it would make the Magazine. But it just was not possible to do justice to such a master display in a plain black and white print. Congratulations, boys !

# THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR POOR FUND COLLECTIONS



Faces at Shishu Bhavan



Tucked away in an alley, off Commissioner Lane, is Shishu Bhavan which is the sole recipient of our fortnightly Poor Fund Collection. Many of our present pupils have been there and have seen for themselves how the paise which amount to an average of about Rs. 600.00 per month are used. But, before going into details about the good use to which the very generous subscriptions of Columba's boys are put, a short historical note on Shishu Bhavan would be in order.

The orphanage was founded in 1959 as a home for unwanted children, by Mother M. Theresa (Founder of the Society of the Missionaries of Charity). The Sisters moved into an old house which they renovated and made ready to receive their orphans. In 1962, a new two-storeyed building was erected, immediately at the back of the old building. This building was a gift of the children of Switzerland to the children of India. Pandit Nehru officiated at the opening of the new orphanage. Also present, on the occasion of the official opening, were our present Prime Minister, Mr. Krishna Menon and His Excellency, the Ambassador of Sweden to India.

*DINNER TIME AT  
SHISHU BHAVAN*



Papu—Somebody Cares

Since its foundation, Shishu Bhavan has housed and cared for hundreds of abandoned and unwanted children in Delhi. At present, the orphanage is so well known that children picked up from the streets, by the Police Force of Delhi, and those deserted shortly after birth in hospitals, or in railway stations, in the city, are taken there. The present inmates of the home number 98. Of those, 40 were found on the streets of the Old City.

In mid-December of 1968, the Sisters, together with volunteer workers in Shishu Bhavan, were caring for 30 new-born children. A scrutiny of a sheet of statistics published by the Sisters, in 1967, showed that their work in Delhi then was :

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Schools :                    | 2, with 305 pupils altogether      |
| 2. Sunday Schools :             | 4, with 194 pupils in all          |
| 3. Homes for Children :         | 1, with 69 children                |
| 4. Dispensaries :               | 9, which cared for 28,034 patients |
| 5. Leprosy Clinic :             | 1, caring for 180 patients         |
| 6. Homes for dying destitutes : | 1, with 75 inmates.                |

How 9 Sisters, together with a few volunteers, could reach on all those dependents, and treat them all with loving care, is just unbelievable. With efficient organization, plus long hours of hard work, they smile their way through it and are ever looking for more to embrace in their charity.

It is here, then, that our Poor Fund takings go. We have it on the best authority that St. Columba's boys provide the only fixed monthly income of Shishu Bhavan. The Sisters depend, totally, on the charity and generosity of others to keep their good work going. There are times when they are down to their last grain of rice but, in times like these, somebody always comes along, helped on by the prayers of the Sisters and their orphans.

A visit to Shishu Bhavan is an experience for anyone who can find his way there. The waifs and strays of Delhi are children once more, for whom someone cares. They meet the visitor with cheery smiles and greet him as if they had known him all their short lives. Even babes in arms manage a captivating smile. Those who can toddle about quickly make friends with one and all; and volunteers from among our boys, to take over their contribution towards the upkeep of the home, are never wanting.

A new chapter is being written in the history of Shishu Bhavan at present. It is that quite a number of children from the orphanage are being adopted by kindly visitors to the place, so much so that a special "correspondence" Sister has been deputed to attend to the formalities that go with the finding of permanent homes for the children. It may interest our readers to know that the "Sister Correspondent" was, till 1962, a member of the teaching staff in our school in Shillong. It was then that she decided to join the Sisters of Charity, popularly known as "Mother Theresa's Nuns".

The Sisterhood was founded in Calcutta on October 7, 1950. In a short space of 18 years, the Sisters have branched out all over the country and run 23 homes for destitute people and for orphans. Not content with embracing the poor of India, only, in their charity, they have also set up foundations in Ceylon, Rome, Venezuela and Africa. Their most recent venture abroad was to Rome, where five Sisters went on Aug. 17th, 1968. The society now musters almost 350 members who have taken on a vast amount of work, which is evidenced by the following statistics:

- 44 Schools for 5,397 children
- 88 Sunday Schools for 10,921 children
- 23 Adult classes for 869 pupils
- 11 Homes for abandoned children, with 753 children
- 134 Dispensaries for 403,466 patients
- 51 Leprosy clinics, with 21,840 patients
- 12 Homes for Dying Destitutes, catering to 1950 inmates

It may be of interest to note that the Sisters make no distinctions between caste or creed. They cater for those who are in need, be they abandoned, or inflicted with the scourge of leprosy. And it is to help them, in their Delhi field of activities, that St. Columba's boys make their voluntary contributions.

#### AMOUNTS COLLECTED

for

#### SHISHU BHAVAN

1966	Rs. 6,507.20
1967	Rs. 6,189.09
1968	Rs. 6,554.74

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Grand Total    Rs. 19,251.03

The above amounts were voluntarily contributed by the pupils of St. Columba's, in 2p., 3p., 5p. and 10p. coins, mostly.



## GROW YOUR OWN FOOD

Keeping this slogan in mind, I decided to utilize the land surrounding my house in Delhi Cantonment. I began my "horticultural career" by growing vegetables such as cauliflower, potatoes, radishes, cabbage and spinach. I found that there was

a ready market for any surplus I had. Cauliflower sold best, especially in the month of August, when it is generally scarce in the city vegetable shops.

There is nothing special about growing cauliflowers. Adequate manuring, weeding and watering the young plants is all that is necessary. It is, however, necessary to transplant the seedlings when they are about six inches high. Radishes are easier to grow, as they need not be transplanted.

I found growing vegetables time-consuming, owing to the amount of time I had to devote to watering them, especially. Their growing interfered, somewhat, with my studies. So, I decided to give wheat-growing a try. My main object in growing wheat was to grow seed-wheat, which is generally in short supply in the market. I had heard about such varieties as S 307 and S 227. Sharbati Sonara and Triple Dwarf were also mentioned as being varieties which were under research.

A crop of wheat needs very little attention, once it starts growing. It needs watering only five times, altogether, but there is a problem in threshing it. Big concerns have special machines for this but I had to resort to the primitive and tedious method of beating the grain from the stalks with a stick.

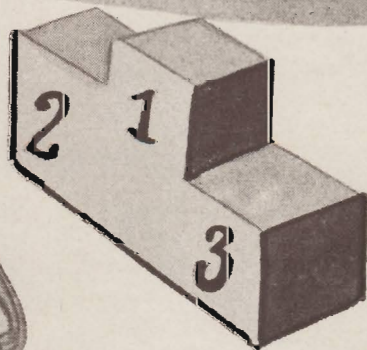
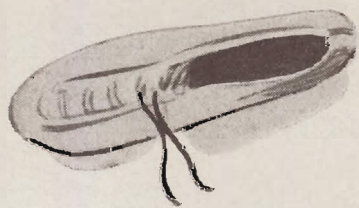
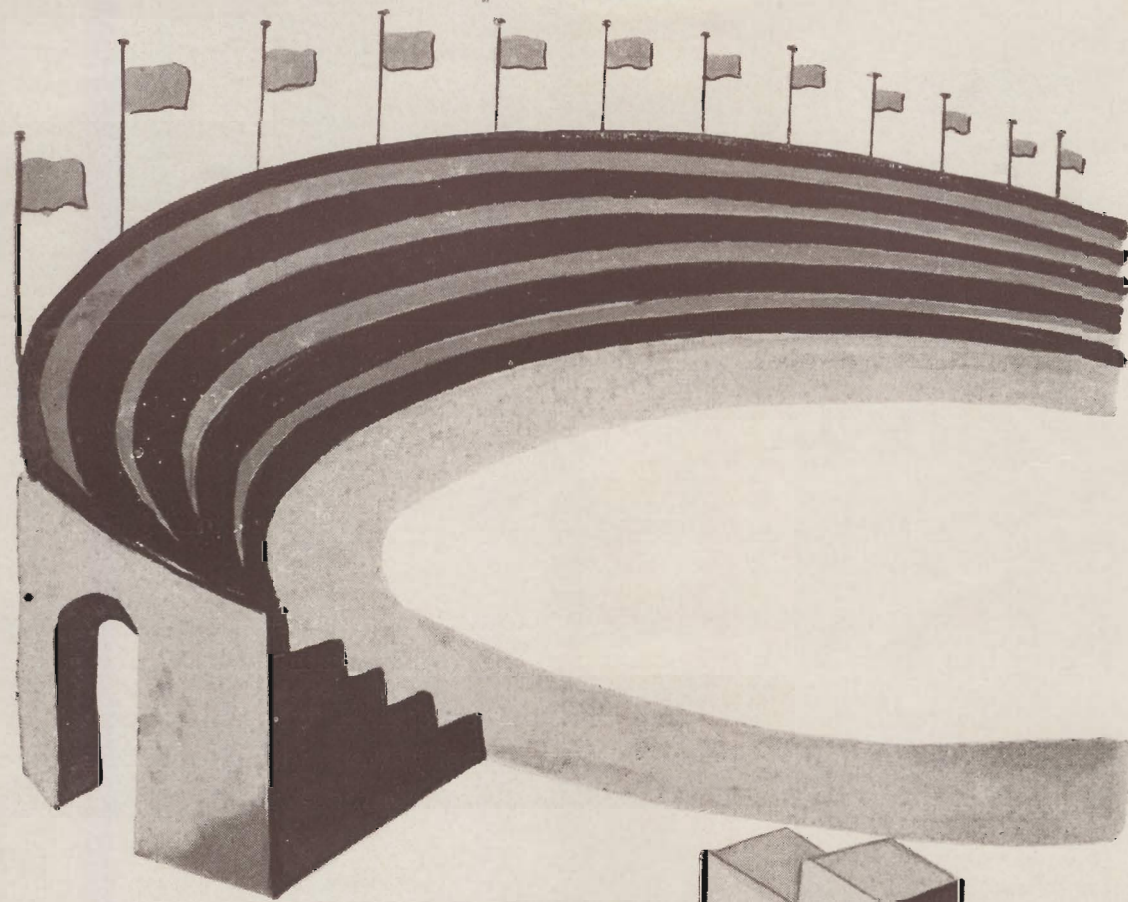
In spite of the labour attached to the threshing, I found the growing of wheat both lucrative and satisfying. Expert advice on how to grow it was always available at the Pusa Institute.

Growing your own food serves the very useful purpose of trying to bridge the gap between demand and supply of food in our country. Furthermore, you will find your home-grown vegetables fresher and more palatable than those you pick up at the vegetable shop. And there is the added advantage of making some money which you can really call your own.

—ATUL GHULATI



# SPORT



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## ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 1968

Referring to our Sports Day of February 23rd, 1968, a Staff Reporter of *The Indian Express* writes :

“New Delhi February 23rd—A scintillating drill display was presented by the pupils of St. Columba’s School at the National Stadium, here, today.

The figure formation and the composite drill were the pick of the eight-item programme. If the children happily wove intricate patterns with agility to set the formation, the composite drill, performed with alertness, had a charm of its own.”

*The Times of India*, reporting on the same day, states :

“The charm of it does not diminish with repetition. The Annual Sports Day of St. Columba’s at the National Stadium, on Friday, was as much a crowd-drawer as in previous years.

If anything, the fare was a shade more satisfying. The drill routine was more difficult this time, and more varied. As if to match it, the performance was finely honed, and had a greater air of professionalism about it.

*The Hindustan Times*, taking up the same theme, reported :

..... "about 1,800 boys pooled their talent to unravel an enchanting symphony of physical culture.

The jam-packed National Stadium roared its appreciation as seven drill groups marched in, one after another, did their chores and stayed back in their appointed places to work up the schedule to a spectacular finale, engulfing the whole arena, with the appropriate figure-formation—Olympic Year—SCS—1968.

The figure formation was smooth and slick, elegance in movement changing the patterns from circles to swastikas and, finally, to 1968, with seemingly no effort at all.

The splendour and efficiency of it all was projected, just before the display items, in the 17-team march-past. If the judges had difficulty in selecting the best, they were even hard put to picking the winners in the Old Boys' race."

*The Statesman* Staff Reporter, writing on February 24th, 1968, stated :

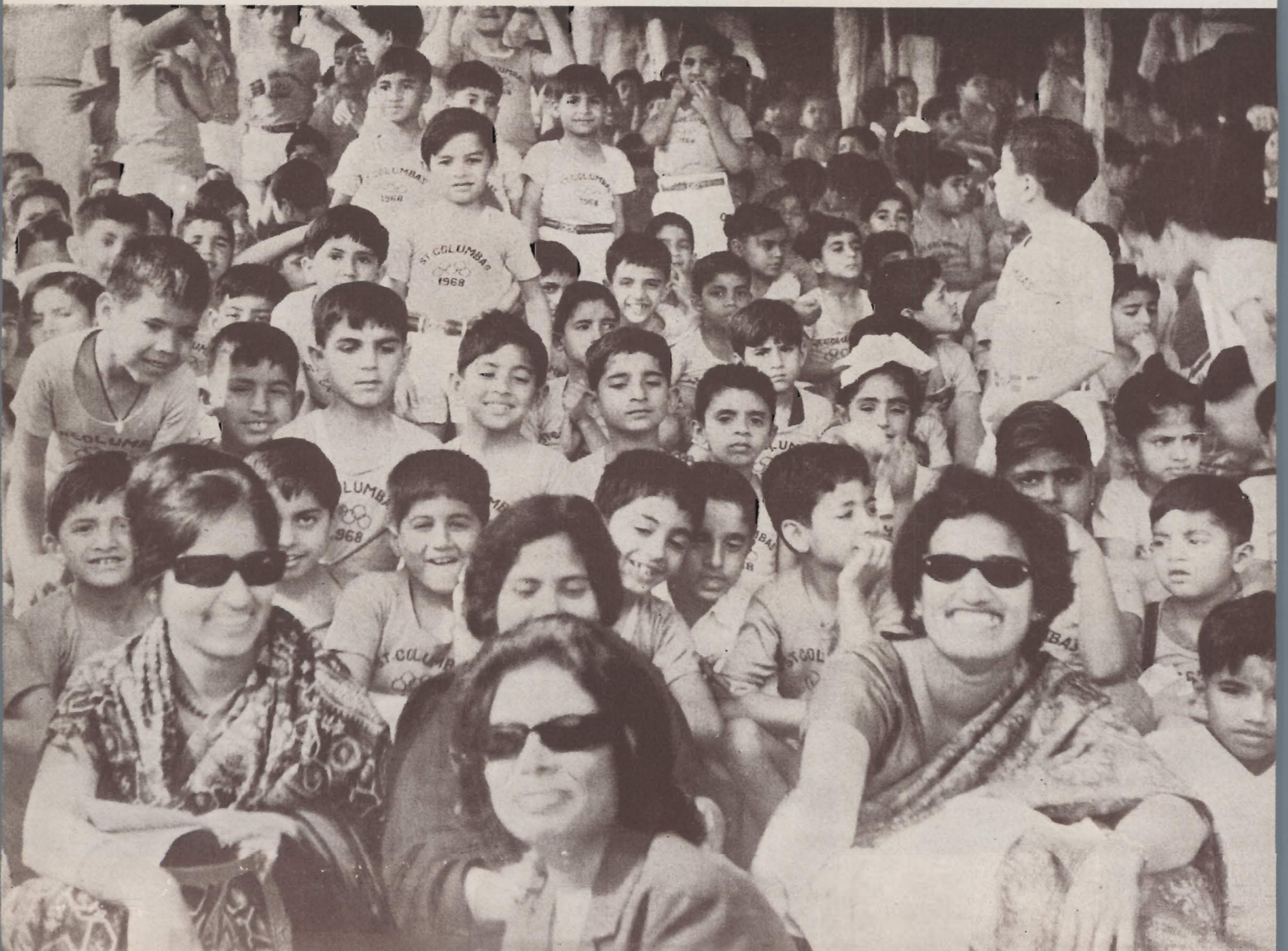
".....After some exciting track events, there was a panoramic display of marching and drill, climaxing with a huge tableau, with a colourful figure formation."

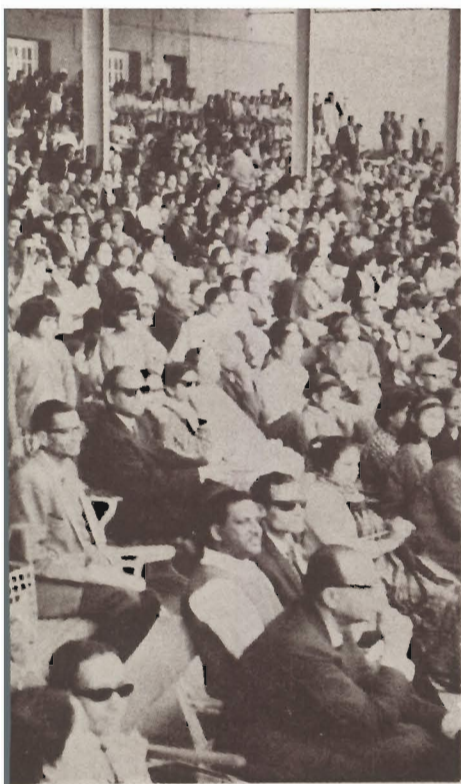
Thus, under eye-catching headlines, did the leading English dailies of Delhi describe what one paper called the "annual drill extravaganza" of St. Columba's. The photographs published in these Annual Sports pages tell the story from the spectators' and the pupils' angle. Those who packed the stands showed their appreciation of the efforts of their sons, or brothers, by their presence there and by the vociferous applause that followed each drill item displayed.

The occasion was our boys' big day out. They were there in their hundreds, milling around, as usual, in their own special shamianas, cheering, gulping cokes and sprucing themselves up, when their time came to go on view. This year, all except the K. G. boys and Classes 1 and 2 got a look in. Junior School teachers had a busy time marshalling their charges to get them into the letters of the tableau, on the far side of the stadium from the stands. In the excitement of it all, some "L" boys got mixed with "M" boys but they were quickly sorted out and, on the drum beat, all looked like seasoned campaigners, even though they did belong to Class 3.



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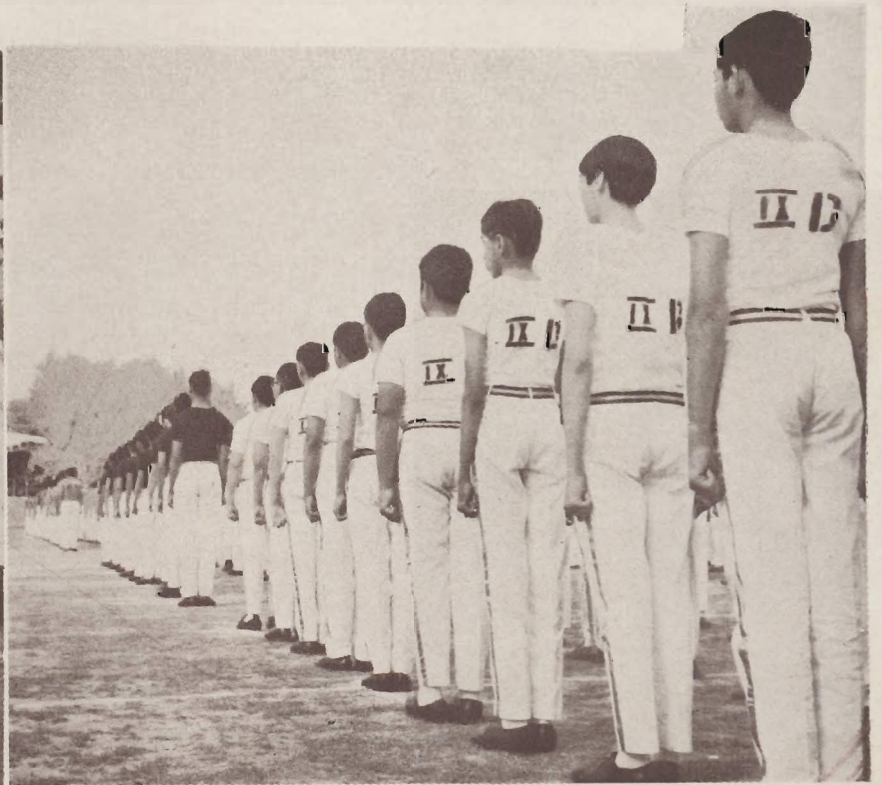


OUR GUESTS

# DAY



THE CHIEF GUEST



THE MARCH PAST

S AWAIT  
TURN

Once again the annually-repeating "miracle" happened. The preparation of the various drills seemed to drag on, endlessly, over the six-weeks prior to Sports Day. Arms jerked, knees bent and drill masters thundered, to get the boys into shape. The pace increased as Sports Day "crawled" forward. But as the ribbon-decked, razor-edged drill pants came into view, a keen observer could see a confident squad going on-field, to show its paces. And their mentors knew that the boys would rise to the occasion and "stun" even Press Reporters !

For the more Senior Boys, all that really mattered was the winning of the Championship Shield and, of course, beating visiting relay teams, especially their fast up-coming rivals from St. Xavier's. No other race on Sports Day gets such a build-up as this does, nor does anything equal it in excitement. This year St. Columba's were again the winners, as Mr. Alfred, the coach, had predicted. Frank Anthony Public School came in second, to relegate Xavier's to third place.

Mr. K. K. Shah, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, presided at our Sports Meet ; Mrs. Shah gave away the prizes.

Music was provided by the Rajputana Rifles Band, which played for the March Past and the various drills.

The Annual Sports were brought to a fitting end by the Principal who passed a vote of thanks to the Chief Guest, for his gracing the occasion, to the P. T. Teachers and Staff members who had given of their best to make Feb. 23rd a Red-Letter Day, and to those present in the stands who had encouraged everybody by their obvious appreciation of the boys' efforts. Before concluding, he announced that THREE holidays were being granted, an announcement that was met with the variety of applause that only boys are really capable of.

# ANNUAL SPORTS 1968

## A DIVISION

Best Athlete : Philip Barretto

1. Broad Jump	1. P. Barretto	2. A. B. Singh	3. W. A. Khan	Dist. 18' 7"
2. High Jump	1. D. Sharma	2. R. Kapur	3. J. Yep	Height 4' 11"
3. Hop-step-jump	1. P. Barretto	2. R. Mehta	3. S. Saigal	Dist. 36' 10"
4. Shot Putt	1. N. Devichand	2. Bhandari	3. M. Chhabra	Dist. 27' 8½"
5. Discus	1. N. Devichand	2. M. Chhabra	3. R. Mehta	Dist. 97' 3½"
6. 400 M.	1. P. Barretto	2. R. Mehta	3. P. Martins	Time 1 min. 1.9 secs.
7. 100 M.	1. A. Narayan	2. O. Chakravarty	3. P. Barretto	Time 11.8 secs.
8. 200 M.	1. P. Barretto	2. A. Narayan	3. S. Choudry	Time 25.3 secs.

## B DIVISION

Best Athlete : Sunil Lall

1. High Jump	1. A. Gulati	2. S. Mathur	3. P. Chopra	Height 4' 7"
2. Long Jump	1. Sunil Lall	2. A. Kakkar	3. A. Rahul	Dist. 15' 11"
3. Hop-step-jump	1. Sunil Lall	2. A. Rahul	3. A. Gulati	Dist. 32' 1½"
4. Shot Putt	1. D. Punj	2. J. Kumar	3. K. D. Paul	Dist. 24' 6"
5. Discus	1. D. Punj	2. A. Kakkar	3. J. Kumar	Dist. 67' 7¾"
6. 400 M.	1. S. Lall	2. A. Rahul	3. D. Chan	Time 1 min. 8 secs.
7. 100 M.	1. A. Kakkar	2. S. Lall	3. S. Mathur	Time 13.1 secs.
8. 200 M.	1. S. Lall	2. R. Rahul	3. A. Kakkar	Time 26.9 secs.

## C DIVISION

Best Athlete : Avajit Dutta

1. Broad Jump	1. Avajit Dutta	2. L. Mirchandani	3. Malhotra	Dist. 13' 11½"
2. High Jump	1. Avajit Dutta	2. P. Handa	3. S. Behl	Height 4' 1"
3. Shot Putt	1. Avajit Dutta	2. R. Sikka	3. S. Rattan	Dist. 24' 8"
4. 400 M.	1. Y. Gupta	2. J. Kurien	3. L. Mirchandani	Time 1 min. 11.2 secs.
5. 100 M.	1. P. Handa	2. L. Mirchandani	3. Y. Gupta	Time 13.6 secs.
6. 200 M.	1. P. Handa	2. J. Pontes	3. L. Mirchandani	Time 28.3 secs.

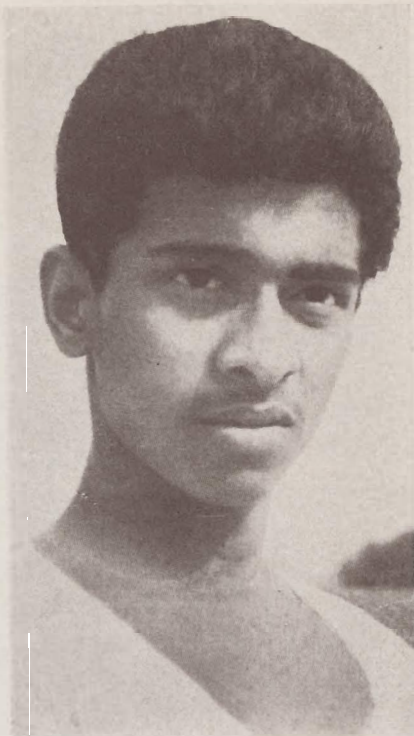
### D DIVISION

Best Athlete : Arthur Gomes

1. High Jump	1. D. D'Souza	2. D. Hooda	3. L. Joshi	Height	3' 8"
2. Broad Jump	1. S. Tewari	2. D. Hooda	3. S. Sodhia	Dist.	12' 10½"
3. 150 M.	1. A. Gomes	2. D. D'Souza	3. S. Tewari	Time	21.3 secs.
4. 200 M.	1. A. Gomes	2. D. D'Souza	3. A. Saxena	Time	30.8 secs.
5. 100 M.	1. A. Gomes	2. D. D'Souza	3. S. Tewari	Time	14.4 secs.

### OPEN EVENTS

800 M.	1. P. Barretto	2. V. Choudhri	3. R. Mehta
Cycle Race	1. G. Antis	2. R. Mehta	3. R. N. Kakkar
Inter-School Relay	1. St. Columba's 'A'	2. F. A. Public School	3. St. Xavier's School—Time: 48.5 secs.



P. BARRETTO



OUR  
RELAY  
TEAM



CLASS  
FIRSTS  
&  
SECONDS



FIRSTS (Sitting) Left to Right : A. Tarun Malik, B. Niren Chaudhuri, C. Ashim Ghosh  
SECONDS (Standing) Left to Right : A. Michael Bernardo, B. Amitabh Singh, C. Shiv Khemka ( missing )

K. Gr. 1968

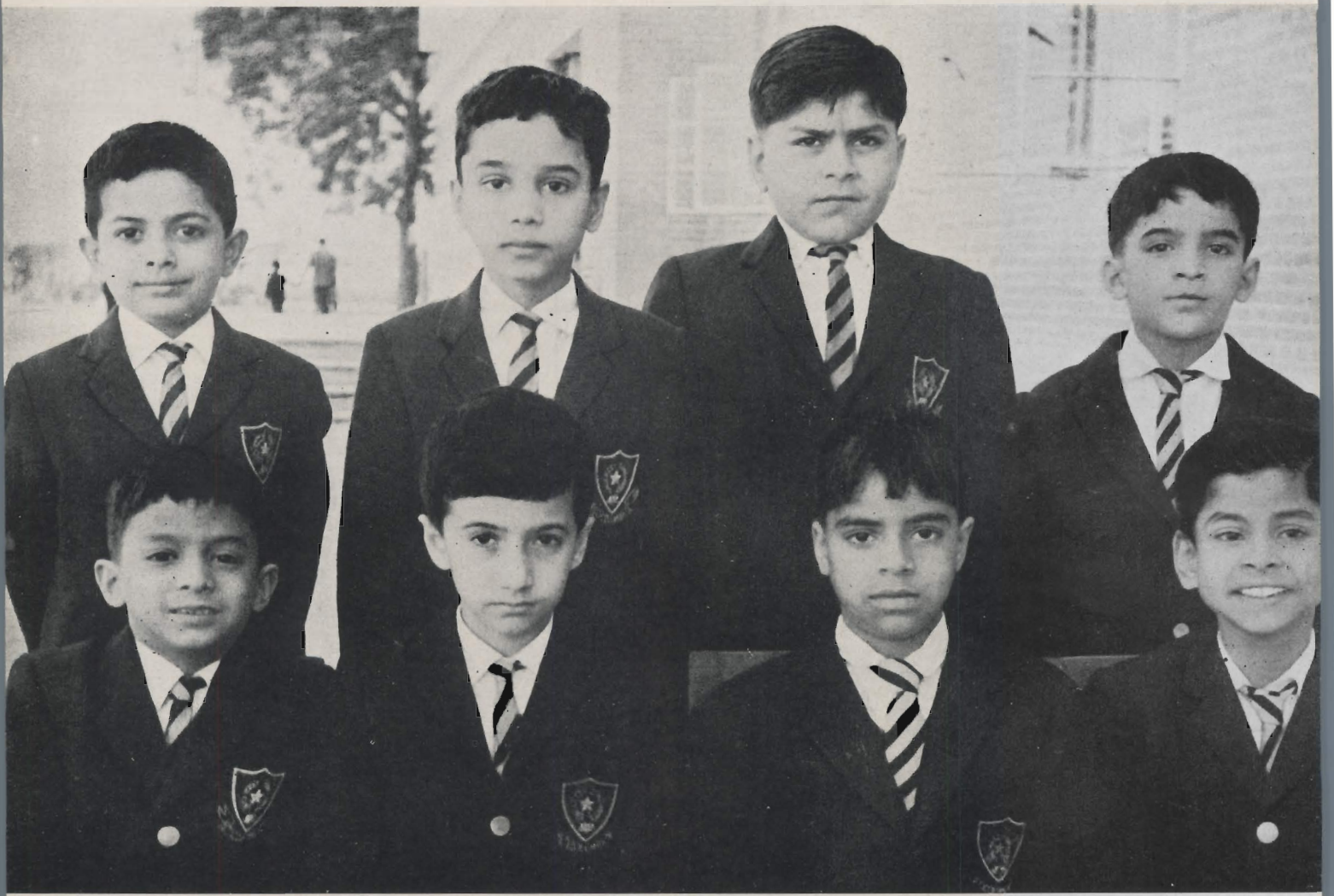
Firsts and Seconds



Firsts (Sitting) Left to right : A. Arindam Bandopadyaya, B. Inderpal Singh, C. Abhijit Das, D. Jacob Thomas (1st in 1-D)  
Seconds (Standing) Left to right : A. Vineet Jain, C. Sanjay Malik, B. G. Singh Sandhu, D. V. R. Awasty and Rajiv Agarwal

K. G. 1967

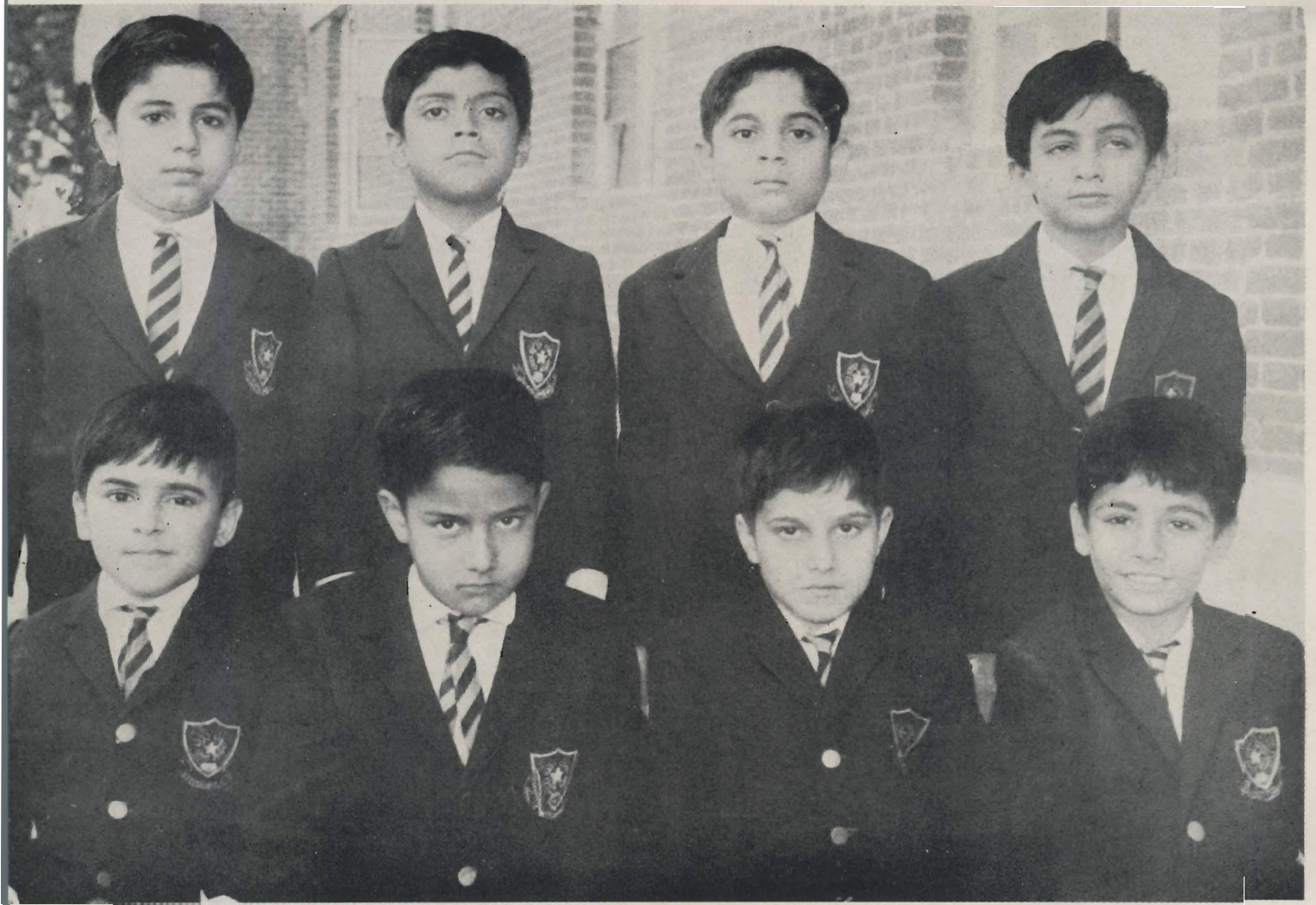
Firsts and Seconds



Firsts (Sitting) Left to right : A. Jerome Verman, B. Aspi Mehta, C. Amolran Janprasad, D. Lyle Lopez  
Seconds (Standing) Left to right : A. Jaya Kumar, B. Rajiv Chandran, C. Nishoshay Saigal, D. Dhaval Buch

## Class II

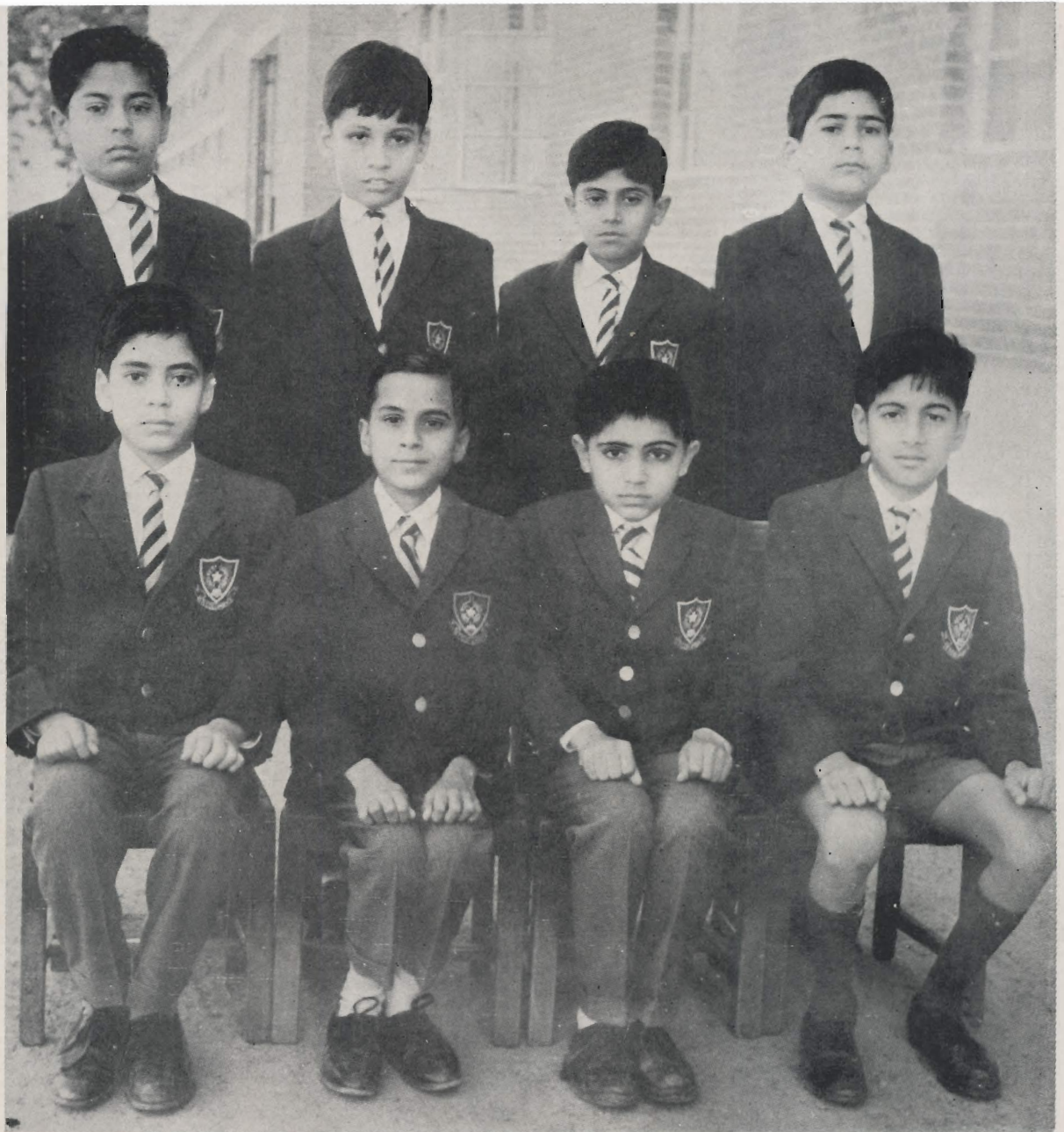
### Firsts and Seconds



Firsts (Sitting) Left to right : A. Pavan Kak, B. Prajit Kumar Dutta, C. Rajan Kapur, D. Vipun C. Prakash  
Seconds (Standing) Left to right : A. Raman Kapur, B. Bhaskar Chakravorti, C. Vijay Nadkarni, D. Mahim Mehra

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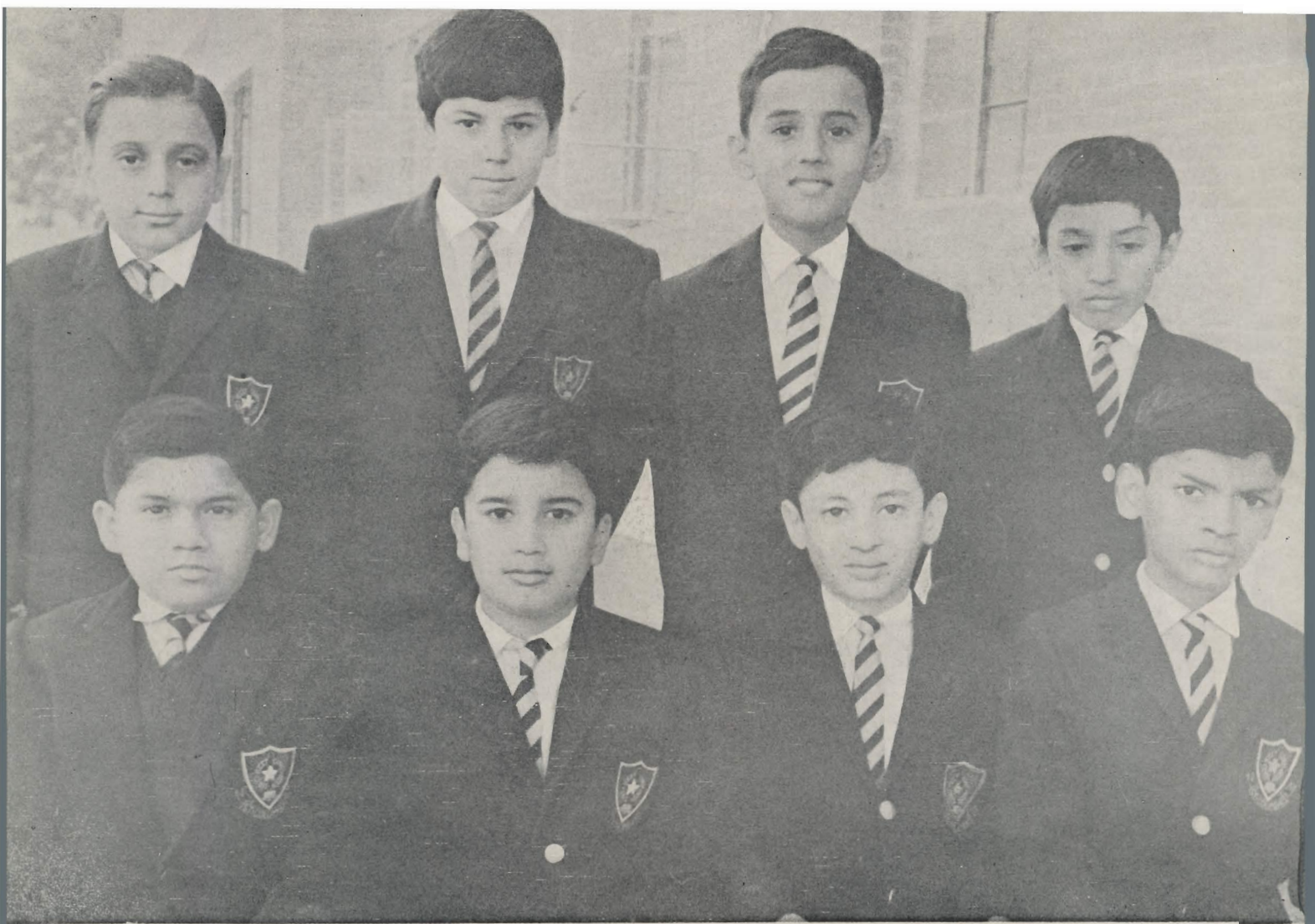
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Firsts (Sitting) Left to right : A. Guirish Agni, B. Ravi Shanker, C. Asheet Pal, D. Bharatan Eswaran  
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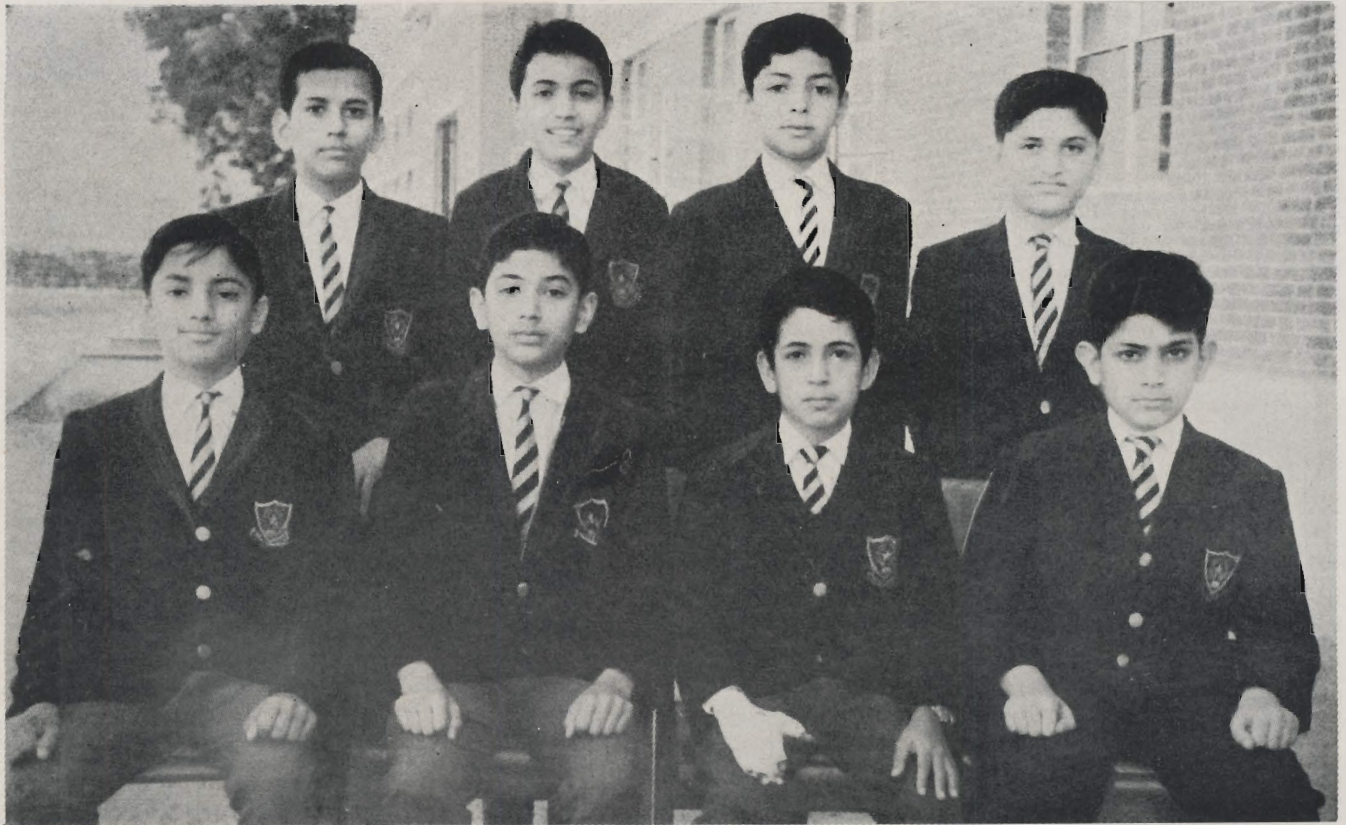
Firsts and Seconds



Firsts (Standing) Left to Right : A. Anil Kumar Sharma, B. Shrivindu Mehta, C. Michael Flores, D. Pravir Dutt  
Seconds (Sitting) Left to Right : A. Rajiv Chaudhri, B. Rajan Chadha, C. Anil Ahluwalia, D. Viswa Nath

## Class IV

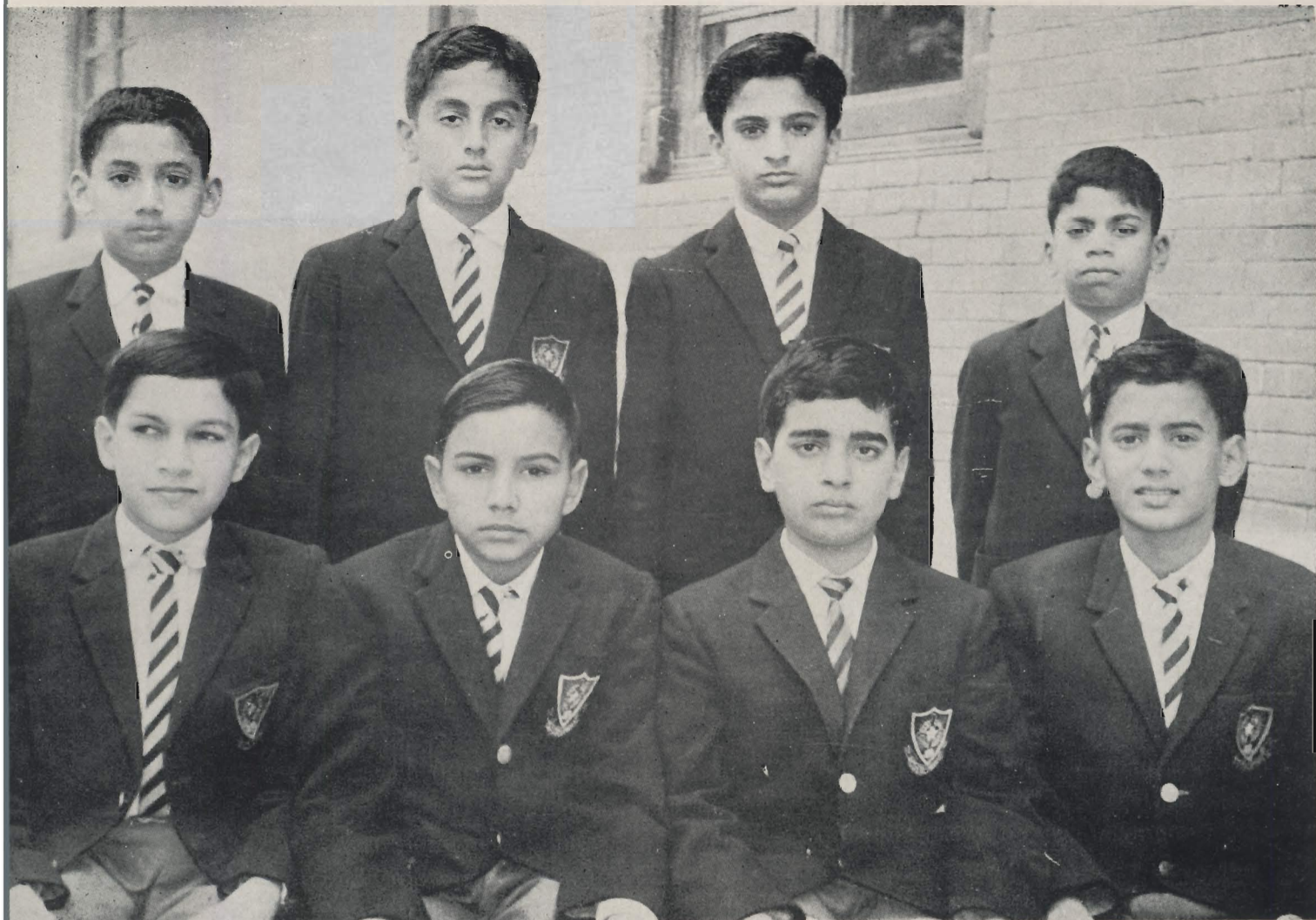
Firsts and Seconds



Firsts (Sitting) Left to right : A. Rajiv Agarwal, B. Jugnu Ramaswamy, C. Vasant Nangia, D. Sumant Khanna  
Seconds (Standing) Left to right : A. Amitava Bandhopadhya, B. Lok Ranjan Joshi, C. Tutul Sen, D. Pradyumna Phatak

Class V  
Firsts and Seconds





Firsts (Sitting) Left to right : A. Rakesh Sood, B. Vinod Gupta, C. Arun Sikka, D. Christopher Flores  
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## Class VI

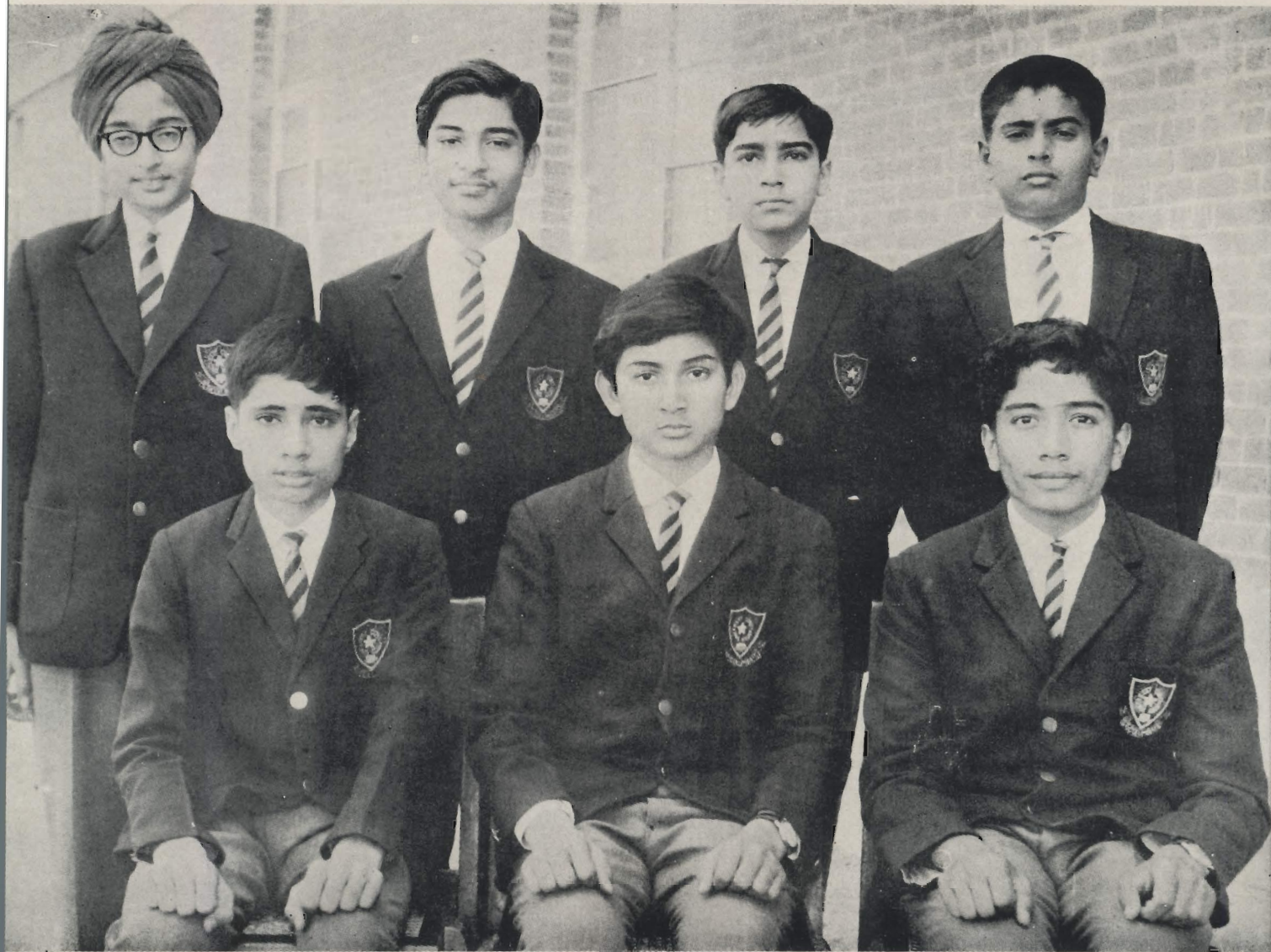
### Firsts and Seconds



Firsts (Sitting) Left to right : A. Ajay Kumar, C. Vinay Tuli, D. Rajesh Prasad, B. Ravi Dubey  
Seconds (Standing) Left to right : A. Amitabh Jhunjhunwala, C. Vijay Thadani, D. Ajay Bhutani, B. Vikram Sahgal

## Class VII

Firsts and Seconds



**Firsts (Standing) Left to right : A. Nirvikar Singh, B. Alok Agarwal, C. Ravi Khanna, D. Philip Varghese**  
**Seconds (Sitting) Left to right : B. Deepak Malik, C. Satyakam Bhagwati, D. Krishnan Iyer**

Class VIII

Firsts and Seconds



**Firsts (Sitting) Left to right : A. Sanjay Kumar, B. Rajeev Dubey, C. Sanjaya Johri, D. P. Singh Pruthi**  
**Seconds (Standing) Left to right : A. Anil Browne, B. Zutshi M. Saroop, C. Dinkar Khullar, D. Thomas Cherian**

## Class IX

### Firsts and Seconds

## The Inter-School Cultural Meet

St. Joseph's College, Naini Tal, was host to the Cultural Meet this year. For our twenty-five representatives from St. Columba's this was a very welcome change, they having been "at-home" for the competitions since they began in 1962, 1964 excepted, when St. John's, Chandigarh, was the venue.

When the time came to "storm" Naini Tal, it was decided that our party would go there by bus, leaving Delhi in the early hours of the morning of September 27th and arriving there, it was hoped, at about 2.00 p. m. on the same day. The unearthly hour of 6.00 a. m. was fixed as the time of departure. When zero hour did arrive it was found that one member of the party, a footballer of some ability, had not arrived. Nobody knew where exactly he lived, nor had anyone been informed that he would miss the trip. Time ticked away slowly till 6.15, and then the missing one drove calmly up to the bus. Needless to say, he was given a few hard looks and asked a few pointed questions by those in charge. But a general sigh of relief was heaved, as the bus could leave at last.

Surprisingly, the bus clipped along and made very good timing to Moradabad. Someone had calculated that we covered that part of the journey in

about three hours travelling time. After a short wait there, to let the ever-present trains of Moradabad go over the level-crossing, we drove on over the new road bridge, which was a pleasant change from the old rail-cum-road bridge that often meant a delay of over an hour.

And so on to Kathgodam, where we were to change over to a smaller Roadways' bus, to complete the last twenty-odd miles up the hill. When we arrived at Kathgodam, we discovered that the chartered bus had gone to the workshop "for repairs". It would be ready "shortly", we were told. "Shortly" developed into an hour's wait, or so. We found the bus, ultimately, in the workshop. By then it had arrived at the testing stage. We finally left for Naini shortly after 2.00 p. m. and got up to St. Joseph's by 4.00 in the evening.

We found the air quite chilly up there and quickly got muffled up in pullovers and coats. We had been pre-warned to be careful in avoiding colds, since soar throats and wheezy chests were not very conducive to elocution and declamation. Judges would scarcely make allowance for those ailments. We were pretty confident of doing well in that area, as we had almost swept the boards in 1967,

with five stalwarts, some of whom were on again.

The news that the Elocution Competition would be on first thing, on the morning of the 28th, soon spread. We were given a spoonful of honey before bedding down, and told to cut unnecessary talking. The tactics worked; we won first places in all the five competitions—an achievement unrivalled previously in the Cultural Meet. We were off to a flying start, leaving our nearest rivals, St. Joseph's, 20 points behind. Our special thanks goes to Mrs. Haider who had trained us so well.

In the first match of the football league, we had little trouble of disposing of St. John's but our hearts sank into our boots, when St. Joseph's stalwarts showed us how football should be played, as they toyed with a promising St. Edward's Eleven.

The Table Tennis Tournaments were off right-away. We started with a good win over St. John's but had to sit up and take note of St. Joseph's trio who showed their paces, in beating the former "unbeatables", St. Edward's. With St. Joseph's trailing us in elocution and showing themselves to be quite a force in table tennis, our glorious dreams of retaining the shield began to fade.

We increased our lead over St. Joseph's to 28 points, in the General Knowledge Competition. A peculiar thing about this competition was the

number of "ties" for first places. This slight forging ahead revived our hopes of holding on to the trophy.

On Sunday morning there was quite a lot of excitement and whispering in the St. Columba's camp, when it was discovered that some of our players had gone off on a hike to 8,000 ft. China Peak, the highest point in the Naini hills. A hike there and back would ordinarily take about six hours. By 1.00 in the afternoon the wandering ones had not returned. They were later met by a member of the Staff, in the bazaar, most unconcerned about the consternation they were causing. They got back to the College just about in time for the 3.00 p.m. match and, tired and foot-sore, they managed to hold out against a determined St. Edward's and emerge with a goal victory. As expected, St. Joseph's beat St. John's.

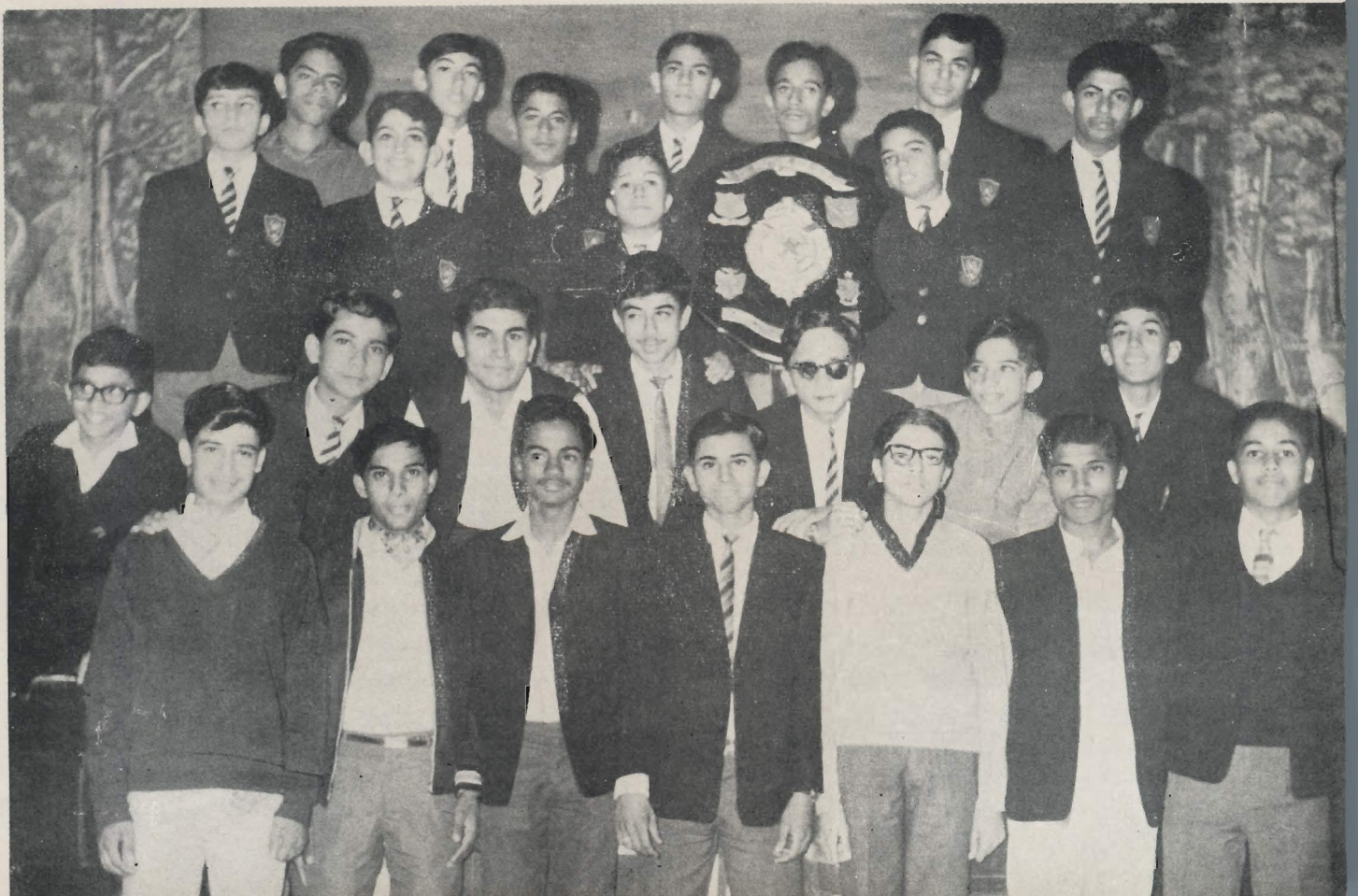
Interest now centred, mostly, about the T. T. Tournaments. St. Joseph's continued on their victory march, easily demolishing St. John's. We could not hold off a determined St. Edward's pair and tasted bitter defeat, being beaten two matches to one.

The competitions had now reached a stage where, if certain things happened, St. Joseph's and St. Columba's could tie for top honours. This added new interest to the next major competition up for decision—Extempore Speaking. We had a winner in



Sumant Khanna receives the  
**Brother Rice Shield**  
from His Excellency, The Governor  
of the U.P.

St. Columba's Victors



R. Khosla who had been declared "best speaker" in 1967. Bhaskar Sikder was a new-comer to the team and, so, would naturally be excited, which might affect his speaking. It was in fear and trepidation that we awaited the Judges' decision. When it did come, it was in our favour. The shield was ours !

Assurance of an overall victory fired our table tennis representatives with new determination. They felt that they had not given of their best in the previous matches, something no fair-minded supporter would ever dream of suggesting. They must beat St. Joseph's, to make up for our defeat in football. A victory would force a tie between the two schools, and St. Edward's. Devichand who had done the tournament rounds in Delhi proved too good for Joseph's best. Naveen was beaten, leaving the decision depending on the doubles' match. Ravi Kaul and Devichand had some very anxious moments during this vital match. Spectators noticed Devi encouraging his partner, as he engineered Naini's downfall. Victory for us, here, meant that the T. T. points for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places were shared between St. Joseph's, St. Edward's and St. Columba's.

When the points were finally tallied, the positions stood as follows :

St. Columba's	149½ points
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St. Joseph's	125½ points
St. Edward's	90½ points
St. John's	85 points

It is interesting to note that our winning tally in 1967 was 149 points.

"On the evening of the 30th", to quote The Trumpet, "we trooped into the auditorium and, amidst loud cheers from the few supporters of St. Columba's, Sumant Khanna received the Brother Rice Shield from His Excellency, the Governor of the U. P., who had graciously consented to give away the prizes."

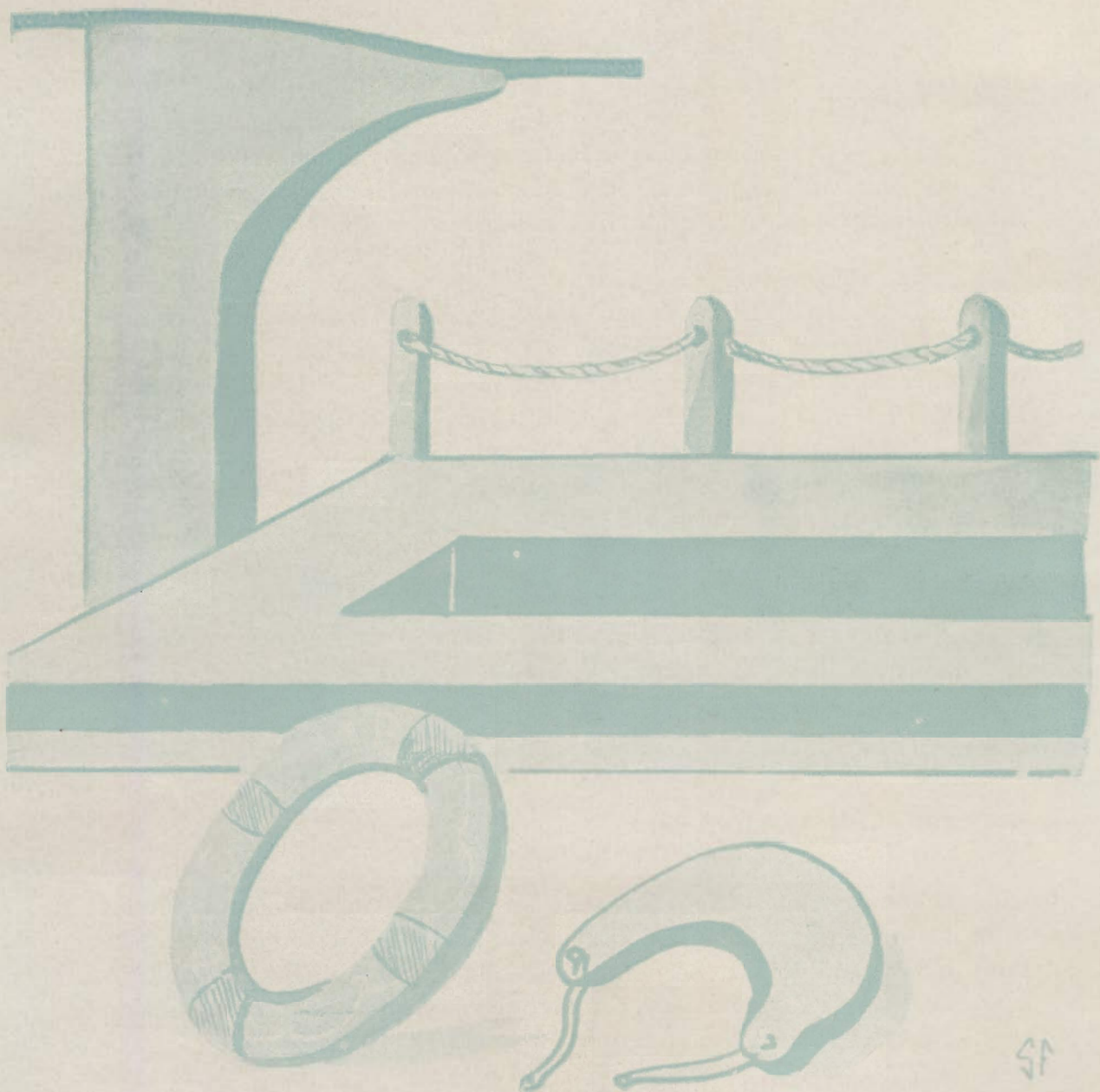
Before closing, we would like to say a special "Thank You" to the Principal of St. Joseph's, Br. Hughes, who acted a very generous host to the visiting parties, to Br. D. F. Burke who organised the various functions of the Meet most efficiently, and to the other members of the Staff, not forgetting the boys of St. Joseph's who made the Cultural Meet of 1968 highly successful.

Our return to Delhi was uneventful. We left Naini Bazaar at about 8.00 a. m., in a special bus, on the morning of October 1st. When we arrived at Kathgodam we had a short rest, and then left for Delhi, arriving back in St. Columba's tired, but rather pleased with ourselves, having the shield with us, after a long, tedious bus trip of about 200 miles.

The Cultural Meet of 1969 will be held in St. Joseph's College, Naini Tal.



# SSWIMMING



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# S W I M M I N G

1968

*Shri S. K. Hukil*

## **Medals Galore !**

This year, our swimmers started the swimming competitions with a bang. Forty-five boys participated in the National Crime Prevention Swimming Gala. All participants were awarded merit certificates.

The first All-India Age Groups Aquatic Championships, organized by the Delhi Swimming Club, at the NIS pool, gave H. Dhanda a chance to prove that he is a force to be reckoned with. With two 1sts, he was adjudged the best swimmer under 10 years. Sanjiv Rattan became the Under-14 Champion. He won the 100 metre Breast Stroke and the 50 metre Butterfly Stroke races. The combination of A. Kumar, S. Kumar, S. Hukil, V. Sharma, Verma, A. Singh and K. Singh won the medley and free-style relays, clinching the team championship for our Under-14's.

## **Weaknesses exposed**

The Pot Bellies Meet, held at the Railway Pool, exposed our weaknesses. We had three boys, only, in the Under-13 Section. R. Hukil, R. Verma and V. Sharma were winners here.

Our 16-year-olds had an off day, having to be content with some 2nds.

## **Inter-School Meet**

After a lapse of four years, we participated in the Inter-School Aquatics Championships, this year. The venue was the NIS swimming pool. It proved to be a warming-up session for our swimmers. They emerged champions, in both Junior and Senior Sections, having been given little opposition by other schools. Deepak Roy and Ajay Kumar were declared Individual Champions of their respective sections.

## **Ding-Dong Battle**

Our swimmers were in peak form for the State Championships. With their moderator, Br. Fitzpatrick, the team stormed the NIS pool to test their prowess against AIS and St. Xavier's School.

Fortunes fluctuated during the three-day meet. Our Seniors bettered the timing for the 4 x 200 m. Free-style Relay, by one minute. We won the Medley Relay race in the same division and were beaten, by a hair, in the 4 x 100 Free-style Relay. Deepak Roy, D. Punj, M. Daruwalla, Devichand and Sharma all swam with determination, to accomplish a feat unequalled by any St. Columba's team, in previous years. They captured the "Open Trophy", beating Delhi Police and some other well-known swimming clubs, in doing so.

## **The Under-14 Section**

In this section, A. Kumar, S. Rattan, R. Hukil, S. Kumar, R. Verma and Singh had to be content with 2nds and 3rds in the individual events, owing to the strong opposition from the AIS squad. However, they combined well in the medley and free-style relays, to pip their closest opponents on the post. The tallying of points, here, caused a good deal of trouble and speculation, as scores were awarded to places lower than 3rd.

## **National Championships**

Dorian Punj and Michael Daruwalla were the outstanding pupils of our school who took part in the National Aquatic Championships at Kanpur. Dorian Punj scored 33.94 points in the Under-16 Diving Championships. This was good enough to earn him a "Gold". He also competed as a member of two separate relay teams and won a "Gold" in the "Medley" and a "Silver" in the "Free", to make his tally three medals, in all.

Michael Daruwalla did not live up to expectations in his favourite Breast-stroke event. L. Singhal again beat him to the finish, Michael having to be content with a "Bronze". He also won a "Silver", as a member of a State Relay Squad, at the National Championships.

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This year, a big effort was made to get boys from classes as low as Class 2 interested in swimming. The response from the 2nds was particularly encouraging. Seven-year-olds were, naturally, very timid and, in some cases, plain scared, in their initial duckings. But, before long, they had become so brave that some thought nothing of plunging into water 10 feet deep. Some, even, took to "coaching" the slow learners.

# SWIMMING

## SCHOOL RECORDS

### UNDER 16

100 M. Freestyle	1 min. 7.5 sec.	N. Devichand	1967
200 M. Freestyle	2 min. 39.0 sec.	N. Devichand	1966
400 M. Freestyle	5 min. 34.0 sec.	R. Kumar	1964
100 M. Breast stroke	1 min. 28.4 sec.	M. Daruwalla	1968
100 M. Back stroke	1 min. 24.6 sec.	D. Roy	1967
100 M. Butterfly	1 min. 21.3 sec.	A. Backliwal	1966

### UNDER 14

100 M. Freestyle	1 min. 16.6 sec.	A. Kumar	1968
200 M. Freestyle	2 min. 58.2 sec.	A. Kumar	1968
100 M. Breast stroke	1 min. 40.7 sec.	S. Rattan	1967
100 M. Back stroke	1 min. 33.3 sec.	A. Kumar	1968
50 M. Butterfly	40.7 sec.	M. Daruwalla R. Hukil ]	1965 1967

### UNDER 12

50 M. Freestyle	36.9 sec.	Ravi Hukil	1967
50 M. Breast stroke	52.6 sec.	R. Kochar	1968
50 M. Back stroke	47.1 sec.	J. Basu	1968
50 M. Butterfly	48.6 sec.	Ravi Hukil	1967

### UNDER 10

25 M. Freestyle	18.4 sec.	H. Dhanda	1968
25 M. Breast stroke	24.1 sec.	S. Sachdeva	1968
25 M. Back stroke	23.1 sec.	H. Dhanda	1968

### UNDER 8

25 M. Freestyle	24.7 sec.	F. Cabral	1967
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## Results of Aquatic Championships 1968

### FREE STYLE

#### UNDER 8

1. M. Xalxo	2. S. Kumar	3. P. K. Murty
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#### UNDER 10

1. H. K. Dhanda	2. J. Xalxo	3. A. D'Silva
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#### UNDER 12

1. S. Angrish	2. S. Mehta	3. J. Xalxo
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**UNDER 10**

1. H. K. Dhanda

**UNDER 12**

1. R. Singh

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1. J. Basu

**UNDER 10**

1. S. Sachdeva

**UNDER 12**

1. R. Kochar

**UNDER 10**

1. J. Xalxo

**UNDER 12**

1. S. Angrish

**BUTTERFLY**

2. A. Karnik

3. S. Sachdeva

2. S. Angrish

3. R. Kochar

**BACK STROKE**

2. I. Karnik

3. A. Karnik

2. L. Joshi

3. S. Angrish

**BREAST STROKE**

2. I. Karnik

3. A. Karnik

2. R. Singh

3. L. Joshi

**DIVING**

2. I. Karnik

3. Sachdeva

2. R. Singh

3. J. Xalxo

**Results of Senior Aquatic Championships 1968****100 M. FREE STYLE**

1. D. Punj

**100 M. BACK STROKE**

1. A.W. Nathan

**100 M. BREAST STROKE**

1. M. Daruwalla

**100 M. BUTTERFLY STROKE**

1. M. Daruwalla

**200 M. FREE STYLE**

1. D. Punj

**400 M. FREE STYLE**

1. A.W. Nathan

**SENIOR CHAMPION****UNDER 16 YEARS**

2. M. Daruwalla

3. N. Talwar

2. A. Khanna

3. S. Sah

2. D. Punj

3. D. Kapuria

2. S. Malhotra

3. A.N. Other

2. M. Kos

3. S. Malhotra

2. S. Malhotra

3. N. Talwar

) D. Punj  
) M. Daruwalla**UNDER 14 YEARS****100 M. FREE STYLE**

1. A. Kumar

2. A. Singh

3. S. Malhotra

**100 M. BACK STROKE**

1. A. Kumar

2. S. Kumar

3. V. Sharma

**100 M. BREAST STROKE**

1. R. Verma

2. V. Sharma

3. D. Kejriwal

**50 M. BUTTERFLY STROKE**

1. R. Hukil

2. V. Sharma

3. A. Singh

**200 M. FREE STYLE**

1. A. Kumar

2. R. Malhan

3. A. Singh

**DIVING**

1. S. Malhotra

2. G. Mathai

3. R. Sawhney

**UNDER 14 CHAMPION**

: Ajai Kumar (Triple Record breaker)

**NAVY CUP WINNERS**

Class 8-A

# Learning to Swim

Stephen Gracias 4-B

For some time I had been looking forward to the day I would learn to swim. My Daddy agreed that I could take lessons in the school pool during the Summer Holidays. I was terribly excited and waited, eagerly, for the holidays to commence.

At last, the day to learn came. I gathered together a towel and a swimming costume and set off for school. But, when the time came to get into the pool, I felt nervous and stood trembling on the edge, watching other boys enjoying themselves, and hoping the coach would not notice me.

My hopes were soon shattered, as Mr. Sawoo spotted me and tried to coax me in. He showed me that the water was not very deep at the shallow end and that boys my size were easily able to stand in the pool, there. So, I could not turn back, and entered the water, my heart thumping hard.

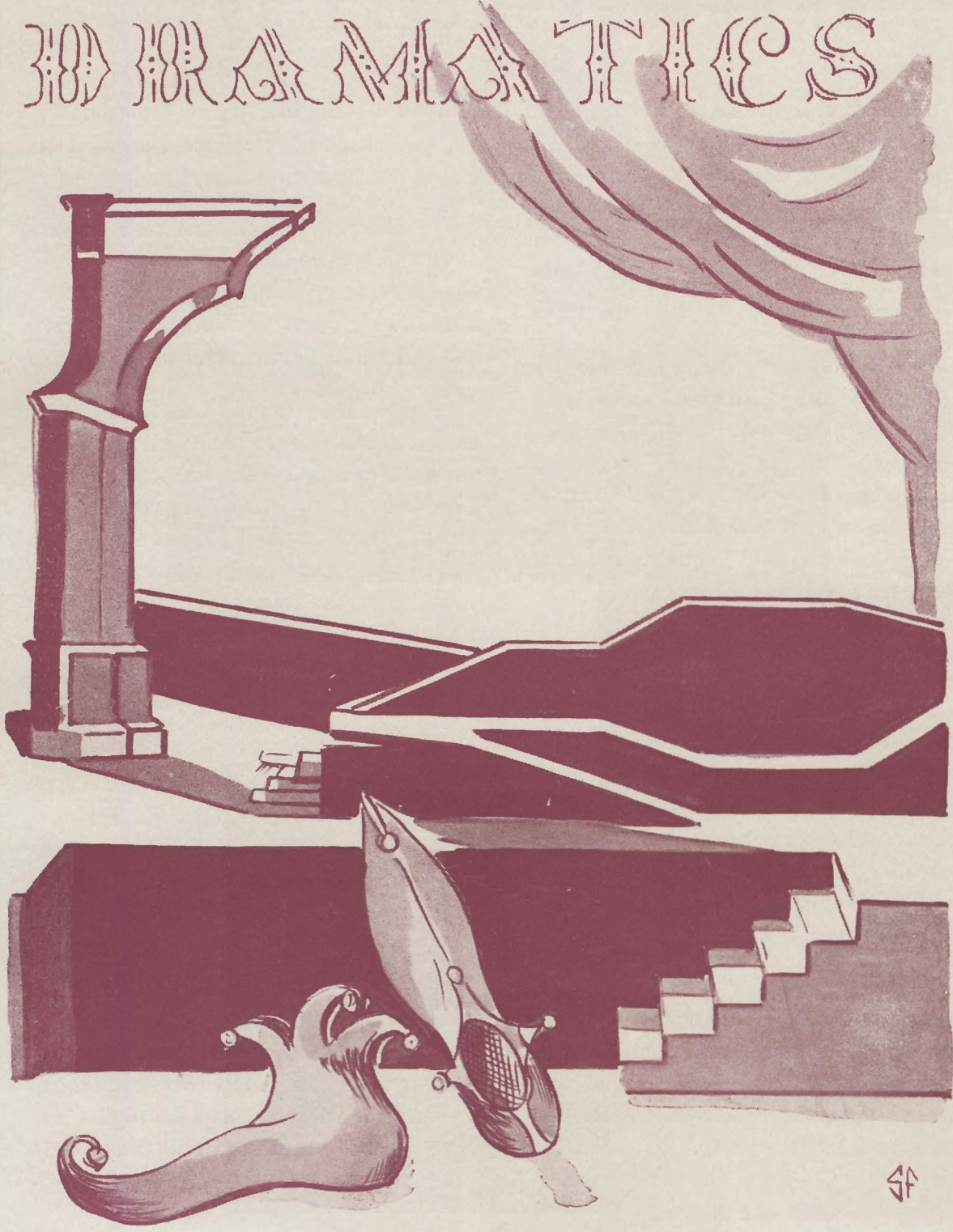
My courage came back when I found that my feet could easily touch the bottom, also. I was no longer afraid and soon began to enjoy myself splashing about. But the coach told me that that was not the way to learn to swim. He ducked under the water and remained below for about fifty seconds. When he came up he asked me to put my head under the water, while he would count the seconds. When I came up he had gone as far as twenty. Maybe he cheated, to give me confidence.

After a few more duckings, I was shown how to grasp the edge of the pool and kick my legs. The coach supported me at times. When he let go I went down and swallowed water. I thought that I was going to drown, so I splashed as hard as I could and spluttered in the water. Mr. Sawoo was determined that I would gain confidence, so he would not let me out till I had tried over and over again.

Gradually, I began to feel less afraid and actually got to like the water, when I saw that the coach would not let me drown but was always there to straighten me up, when I was in a panic.

When my first lesson was over, I was happy to get out. But as I watched boys smaller than myself jumping into the pool, at the deep end, and come up laughing, every time, I made up my mind that before the holidays were over I would be as brave as they. From then on all I could think of was my next swimming lesson.

# FORAMATICS



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## ANNUAL CONCERT 1968

On Junior Department held the stage, on the evenings of November the 2nd and 3rd, with SEVEN SEVENS ARE FIFTY SIX, in English, and RAJA KAA AYINA, in Hindi. The actors played as if they were old hands on the stage, seemingly enjoying themselves as much as their packed-hall audience, on both dates. A few licks of rouge, plus pencilled moustaches, turned 10-year-olds into desperadoes who "swore" and swigged "rum" as pirates should, while colourful costumes and "kilos" of jewellery transformed timid juniors into "court ladies", in Raja Kaa Ayina.

Mr. Porky Tite, played by Michael Flores, got some rough handling from his erstwhile pupils who, in their dreams, turned the tables on their task-master teacher. Pirate Captain Sanjeev Saith, having assumed all the dignity and "language" of an experienced "tar", surprised everybody with his stentorian voice and superb acting. Sanjeev is in Class 4.

The "schoolboys" and "schoolgirls" did a double-quick change, from yawning pupils, learning monotonous tables, to pirates and "wenches" who were fully determined to get even with their tormentor, Porky Tite. Condemning

him to a diet of tattered table books, on an uninhabited island, seemed a fitting end to his tyranny.

In between school time and pirate days, there were some catchy and rousing songs, sung with abandon, by the actors who gave an hour of pleasant entertainment to their charmed guests.

Raja Kaa Ayina was cast in a more serious mould than the English musical. Sumant Khanna, who played the leading part, was a very convincing "Raja", while Dalip Kumar who played Rangila was also very much at home on the stage. Santan D'Souza made a very interesting "Nai" and caused quite a stir, when he appeared on the stage with an axe almost as big as himself.

The Senior Concert was also a bi-lingual effort, with Mrs. K. Haider and Miss S. Swaminathan doing the honours in English, and Mr. B. M. Shah presenting a self-authored Hindi play.

We had "The Thread of Scarlet", acted by Noel Kolet, Harish Kumar, Anil Bahl, Sunil Chopra, Vinayak Patwardhan and Anupam Ghulati, as a curtain raiser, on the nights of November 7th and 8th. This play tests



even senior actors, but some of our amateurs acquitted themselves creditably, in getting across the mood of the drama to a very attentive audience. A remark, "Oooh! he's the real murderer", by a teenage member of the audience, proved, conclusively, that the attempt by the players to create suspense had not been wasted.

The stage setting, lighting, thunder and lightning effects were very realistic, thanks to the directresses who are both graduates of The National School of Drama.

"Post Graduate" was an interesting and novel experience, for our somewhat startled guests, on Senior Concert Nights. Heads, naturally, turned, when seeming members of the audience took an active and "hostile" part in the goings-on, on-stage, at the beginning of the play. Matters appeared to have gone altogether too far when "guests"

ambled up to the stage to take part in the proceedings there, after they had attempted to drive the actors to cover, with a shower of missiles. But it was all in the script, as the audience soon found out and, so, they settled back to feast on first rate entertainment, served up in a scintillating manner, by our pick of school actors.

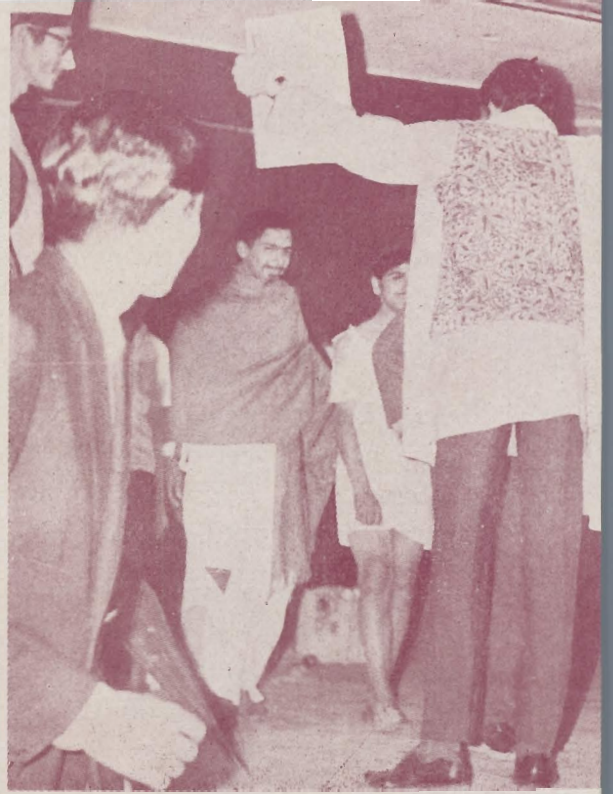
The play turned out to be scathing criticism of society, where education is not appreciated, where "paper qualifications" are meaningless and where chancers and graft seem to thrive. The post graduate was despised and unemployed, while those who had their wits about them prospered. Characterization was, in many cases, slick and sometimes amusing, when "types" appeared. Credit for this goes to those boys who entered fully into the play, and to Mr. Shah who chose his cast and trained them so well.

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## THE SCHOOL CHOIR

Our School Choir, under the very capable direction of Mrs. J. Rangarajan, delighted everybody, on both Junior and Senior concert nights, with their "professional" rendering of "The Dashing White Sergeant", "The Coasts of High Barbary", "Ee-oh" and "Michael Finnegan". Their last selection proved to be a very amusing and catchy air, the choristers themselves revelling in the tempo and the funny words of the piece.

This year, Mrs. Rangarajan concentrated on the younger voices, thereby reducing the membership of the choir to thirty-six. Those lucky enough to be included are very jealous of their honour and are rarely found wanting in attendance.



A Scene from "THE POST"

Cast of "THE SCARLET THREAD"



Cast of "SEVEN SEVENS ARE FIFTY-SIX"





Cast of "THE POST GRADUATE"



A Scene from "SEVEN SEVENS"

Cast of "RAJA KAA AYINA"

## The School Orchestra

The School Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. E. D' Souza, had quite a few outings this year, but particularly during concert time. They, with very short notice, gave a nice rendering of the Irish National Anthem, on the occasion of the visit of Mr. John Lynch, Prime Minister of Eire.

On the four concert nights they served up both "light" and classical music, in keeping with the tone of the stage presentation of those nights. The pieces played were :

"Lara's Theme", "Yesterday", "Back Street Boogie" and "Granada". This was an attempt to cater for all tastes, but the "modern" tunes won the night, seemingly, judging by the applause they got.

<b>Violins</b>	: Noel Kolet, Jagdip Bhandari, Amitabha Jayram, Ashok Arora, Adil Sequeira.
<b>Saxophone</b>	: Philip Barretto, Ravi Hukil, Pradeep Joshi.
<b>Trumpet</b>	: Dheeraj Kapuria, Patrick Rajan, Francis Gomes.
<b>Piano</b>	: Mr. J. M. Johnson
<b>Bass</b>	: Florence Ferrao
<b>Clarionet</b>	: Johann Anwar
<b>Drums</b>	: Johann Anwar, Bharat Bhushan Soni, Gabriel Jacobs, Felix Fernandes.

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Commenting on the performance of our School Choir, at the "Children's Festival", on March 9th, 1968, the Drama Critic of the Statesman said :

"The best item of the session was, of course, the choir singing by the boys of St. Columba's High School, which thrilled the audience. They sang three songs, out of which The Skye Boat Song was a sheer joy. The harmony of high note and low note, the infusion of several levels at the same time and reduction of rhythm to half gave a requisite elegiac mood to the song, capturing the listeners completely."

## CONCERT CASTS

### **Seven Sevens are Fifty Six**

Michael Flores, S. Kalelkar, Carlos Raes, Lalit Bagai, Manu Daftary, Jugnu Ramaswamy, Peter Souriraj, Ian Karnik, Arajit De, Shrivindu Mehta, Raja Parasuram, Michael D'Souza, Sanjeev Anand, Sunil Suri, R. Swamy, Ivan Menezes, Stephen Gracias, Sudhir Ullal, Adrian Karnik, Gyaneshwar Dayal, Sanjeev Saith, Neville Lobo, Anil Saxena, Rajiv Mehta, Raghunandan Kochar, Sudhakar Sundaram, Ravi Kirpalani, Natiq Ali, Girish Agni, Savio D'Silva, Raminder Singh, Rikky Warrik, Raj Kumar Deva, Anil Sharma, B. Viswanath, T. Sen, Vinoo Caprihan, S. Kosla.

**Producer :** Mr. C. Velu

### **Raja Kaa Ayina**

Dalip Kumar, Vinit Rakyan, Sunil Sehgal, Diwaker Mehra, Sumant Khanna, Adarash Pal Singh, Vikram Sial, Pradeep Dadoo, Anil Ahluwalia, Imran Mirza, Neeraj Abrol, Vivek Mathur, Piyush Dhar, Santan D'Souza.

**Producer :** Mrs. M. Pathak

### **Post Graduate**

Ravi Dubey, Rajeev Dubey, Deepak Dhawan, Deepak Banerjee, Vijay Khanna, Kul Bhushan Gogia, Rajan Malhotra, Hardesh Singh, Jaskaran Singh, Nardeep Singh, Dheeraj Kapuria, Gautam Bhattacharya, Bhaskar Sikder, Rakesh Mehta, Naresh Gupta, Sunil Nangia.

### **Author and Producer**

Shri B. M. Shah.

## **“Post Graduate”—The Inside Story**

**R. Dubey**

“It will be either a great success or a miserable flop. But don't worry about the results. Just put your heart and soul into your acting, and leave the rest to God.”

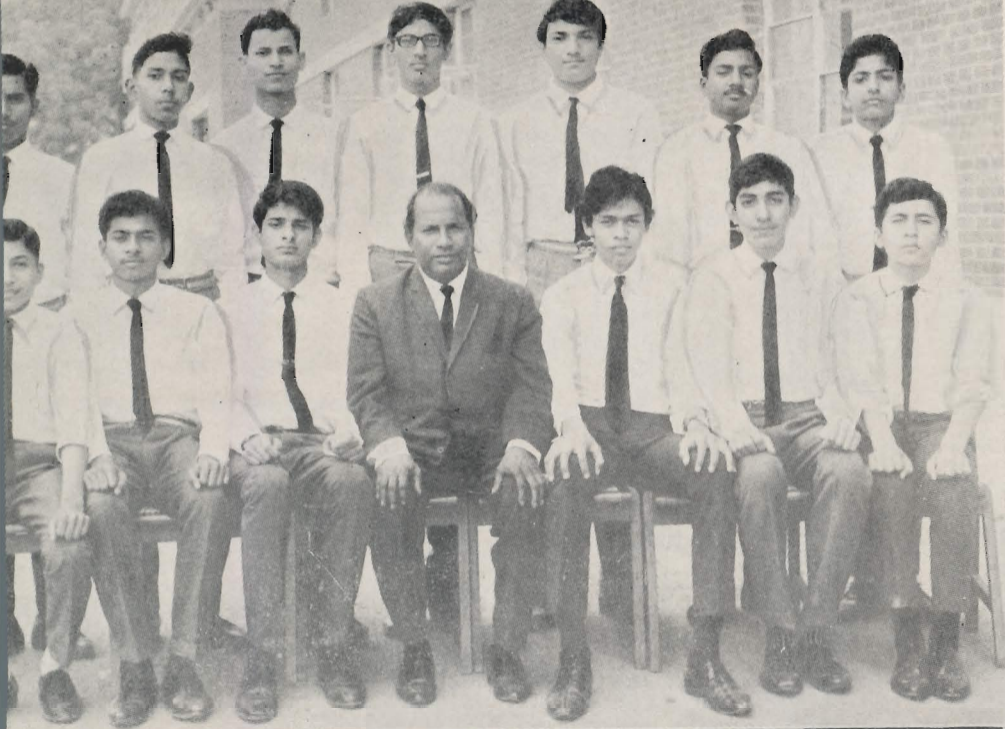
We sat in a classroom in the New Building, listening intently to the Director's words. We were a group of budding actors, many of us without previous stage experience, setting forth on a new and exciting venture; drama in St. Columba's was going to be revolutionized, and that with a bang.

The first few rehearsals were most discouraging. Most of us just couldn't grasp the rather literary phraseology. How could we learn about forty sheets of script, by heart, in a mere fortnight? Persistence and patience were the answer. For the next few days we lived in an atmosphere of drama. I was told that I mumbled my lines during sleep, one night.

Even the Diwali holidays had to be sacrificed. From early morning, each day, till lunch-time, we slogged away at it. We found it difficult to remember our lines and more difficult still to remember directions. The Director showed impatience, at times, and even we “actors” got snappish with one another.

Tempers cooled when the “blocking”, the most difficult part, was over. Only the lines had to be brushed up and everything would be fine. It was then that one of the main characters “cracked” and was advised to leave the play. The concert was but a week away, and we were on the rocks. Somehow, the Director got a substitute—a very worthy one—in Dhawan who, in a few days, was playing the role even better than his predecessor.

Then came the “big night”. The opening of the curtain was a signal for “members of the audience” to begin cat-calling and hooting. Heads turned and people wondered what was wrong with a seemingly dignified and respectable audience. And, if that were a cause of surprise, the shower of missiles which flew in the direction of the stage, aimed at a small group of players, simply stunned them. A tall, impressive actor strode on to the footlights to rebuke the audience for its unruly behaviour. It was only then that our bewildered guests realized that it was all part of the play.



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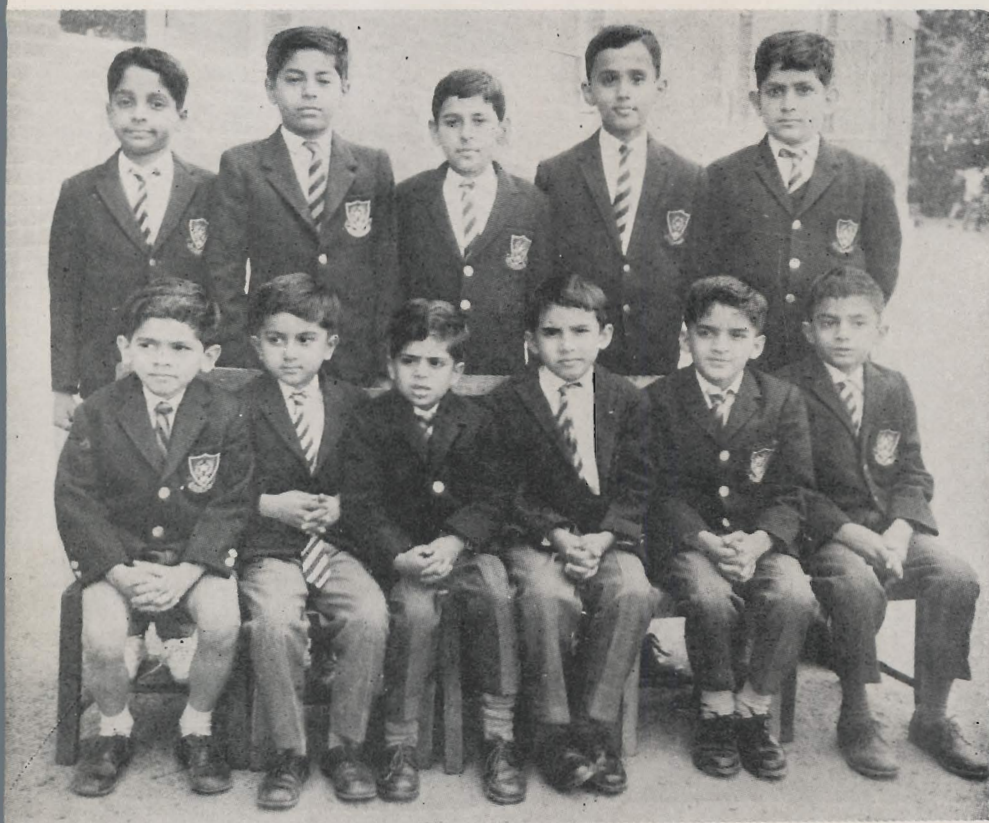
THE SCHOOL CHOIR



Centre : (Left) Sanjeev Saith -- A Promising Actor



THE ORCHESTRA  
IN ACTION



Elocution Winners

## INTER-CLASS ELOCUTION COMPETITIONS

### JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

August 21st, 22nd and 23rd of 1968 saw our gallant juniors locked in "deadly combat" for elocution honours, individual and choral. Classes K. G. to 6 took part in the competitions, and offered pleasant entertainment, to interested parents who were present.

A glance at the printed programme got out for the occasion shows a very

wide selection of pieces which were presented. Little Kittens, The Conceited Mouse, The Little Black Hen, Reynard the Fox, The Ant and The Grasshopper all featured, some as declamation excerpts, others as choral selections. The serious bearing of the boys on-stage, together with the amusing words they sometimes chirped, raised smiles galore from doting parents who listened to their son, only.

The judges, too, sometimes forgot their serious positions and were hard put to pick ultimate winners. It is reported that they did nominate "Firsts" and "Over-all Firsts", but teachers sometimes got a bit confused when asked to state where so-and-so stood. However, the following did qualify to be listed, below, as winners :

Ashim Ghosh (K. G. C.)

Rahul Kale (K. G. B.), Deepak D'Souza (1-B), Jigme Sethi (1-C), Dhaval Buch (2-D), Jerome Varman (2-A), Prajit K. Dutta (3-B), Bhaskar Chakravorti (3-B), Michael Flores (5-C), Sumant Khanna (6-D), Yogesh Sahai (6-C).



# My Meeting with U THANT

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Adhip Mukerjee 7-D



I could scarcely believe it. It was the 10th of February, 1968, and I had been chosen to interview the Secretary of the U.N.O. I couldn't help thinking that it was all a dream until I was actually standing at the entrance of the Dolls Museum, waiting for U Thant to arrive. Also waiting was a group of about thirty children from various Embassies in Delhi. We were later joined by some more children and about sixty adults.

Some of the children were given garlands and were told how they were to garland the Chief Guest, when he arrived. Each of those given a garland was supposed to represent some society or the other.

As time passed we got restless. Photographers present were no less excited and were constantly reminding

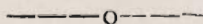
us to move this way and that, and to be sure to keep clear when U Thant would arrive. A police official with a "walkie-talkie" unit kept us informed of the whereabouts of the Official Government car which was bringing U Thant to the museum. Soon after we had been told that he had passed India Gate, the escort riders came into sight. Shortly, the sleek, black car appeared and drove up to the entrance.

U Thant stepped out and was garlanded by Shri Shanker. Camera bulbs flashed as he walked up the steps and into the room, where he was to be officially received. He was next garlanded by the children, each child repeating his piece. When my turn came my hands were shaking and I somehow managed to say, "I welcome you, Sir, on behalf of The Children's Book Trust".

The visitor and his party were then taken around the Dolls' Museum. A special puppet show had been arranged for them. Having seen the dolls, U Thant was shown into the Children's Library, where a few children, including myself, were to interview him. After we had asked him a few questions we had coffee together, during which time he asked us about our ambitions.

When the time for refreshments was over, Mr Shanker presented U Thant

with some Indian dolls, twelve Nehru-Award paintings and twenty-five books printed and published by the Children's Book Trust of India. That brought the function to an end. I was disappointed that the visitor had so little time for us. Those adults kept pushing him around from one thing to another. Still, it was a never-to-be-forgotten occasion for all of us, children, and especially for me.



## M E

**Shiv Khemka K. G. C.**

My name is Shiv. My father has a blue car and a black car and a green car. I have a brother. My brother likes to play with me. My brother's name is Uday. I and Uday like to play. I and Sandeep like to play. I went to Matvinder's house. I played with him. He played with me. We too made a house.

Well done, Shiv! (Editor)

## THE SNAKE AND THE MONGOOSE

Ramesh Sundaram 3-D

When I was returning from school, one day, I saw a big crowd gathered near the Red Fort. I was curious to see what was happening, so I pushed my way to the inside of the crowd. Inside in the circle was a snake-charmer playing music. A big cobra was dancing to the music.

Nearby was a mongoose tied to a peg in the ground. He was quietly watching the show. At first I thought there would be a fight because the cobra and the mongoose are enemies. I was surprised when these two started playing together. Some of the other boys near me were also surprised. Then I thought that this mongoose and this cobra must be good old friends.

But the show was not yet over. The biggest surprise was yet to come. The snake-charmer stopped playing music and took a plate out of his bag. He poured some milk on the plate and the snake and the mongoose both started drinking the milk happily.

When they had finished the milk the cobra went back into its basket and the mongoose went to its keeper. The show had ended. Some of the people in the crowd threw the snake-charmer a few paise but most of them went away without paying anything.

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## BIG EYES

Barun Kumar Mohanthy 3-C

When we had our Drawing Test, I brought many coloured chalks, a ruler and an eraser to school. When the Art Teacher came into the room for the test, she told us to draw any animal we liked. I felt very happy then because I had been to the zoo the previous week and had seen a tiger there.

So I started drawing a tiger right away. I gave him two green eyes and

he looked cruelly at me. I was so frightened that I turned the page over.

When teacher came around to look at our work I went back to finish my tiger. But I was so frightened that I rubbed out his eyes. Then I handed the drawing to the teacher. I hoped she would not notice that my tiger had no eyes. "Big Eyes" would have frightened her too.

# Marineland of the Pacific

Shanker Angrish 6-A

During my visit to the United States I visited many interesting places but I shall never forget the fascinating oceanarium called the Marineland of the Pacific. I shall now introduce you to the sea family living in the world's largest oceanarium. But, before doing so, let me first tell you where it is.

Marineland of the Pacific is located just 25 miles from down-town Los Angeles via the Hawthorn Boulevard to the sea. The drive there, along the eucalyptus lined streets, is lovely.

At the entrance gate to the oceanarium hands are stamped. This practice allows visitors to go in or out of the place as often as they wish during the day.

The first thing you meet in the main oceanarium building, as you enter, are the whale tanks. Bubbles, the whale, and some highly trained dolphins perform special exercises there every day.

Next comes the world's largest fish bowl which contains many varieties of fishes. Several times a day an attendant, dressed in a special "underwater" suit distributes food to the fishes there.

The most popular inmates of the oceanarium are the sea-lions who perform their zany stunts in rapid-fire succession. Dolphins, in their turn, also perform unbelievable antics. Chubby, moustached walruses can be viewed in a natural environment, from underwater windows.

Seals in the oceanarium give a performance called the "Rollicking Seal Circus" showing their sense of balance.

Besides fish of various types, there are also many kinds of sea birds in the oceanarium. They are housed in the "Flamingo Gardens". Birds there are just kept for show. They do not perform any tricks.

The Pacific Oceanarium is a wonderful place to visit. Fish that we have all read about, but scarcely dream of ever seeing, are there to be studied at close quarters. Who could ever imagine it possible to have a whale in a fish-bowl!

## Bird Watching at Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary

Jayant Mehta 9-A

We were a busload of biology students from Classes 9 and 10, at last on our way to the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary. We had assembled at the school at 8-30 p.m., all excited and looking forward to a most unusual outing for most of us.

As we wound our way through Delhi, by night, we were in a gay mood, singing, chatting and wondering what it would be like to travel by bus all night. The driver seemed a little eager to get to the end of the journey, so he stepped on the accelerator.

We arrived at the town of Bharatpur at about four in the morning. Naturally, some of those in the bus had dozed off and had to be shaken back to life, when we decided to have a quick morning wash at Bharatpur railway station. We then had a hurried breakfast, as we had been told that the best time to observe the birds was at sunrise.

Mr. J. P. Gupta who had organized the outing hurried us along. After breakfast we drove straight out to the sanctuary which was about five miles outside the town.

When we arrived there the sun was rising above the eastern horizon. We spotted cormorants, ducks, geese, painted storks and many other birds which most of us could not name. Some of the members of the party tried to take photographs of the birds but, as they could not get near enough, the photography was a waste of effort. Others turned their cameras on members of the party, itself, to have some proof that they had been there.

The rest of the day was uneventful. We went to a film show in Bharatpur that night and left for Delhi about midnight. Most of the boys slept fitfully, till we arrived back in school, at about 6.00 a.m., tired but pleased that we had done something no other boys in St. Columba's had ever attempted.

# Why I like chewing rubber

**R. Masters 10-C**

I just don't remember how I developed the habit, but I do know that I have had a special liking for rubber ever since I joined school. If you are interested in this delicacy, I suggest that you begin with "Ajanta" brand. You will, I assure you, find it as appetizing as I do.

When I run out of "Ajanta" rubber, I find "Koh-i-noor" the next best buy. It gives you a pretty lot of chewing. However, you should keep to "Ajanta", if you can.

My favourite time for chewing rubber is between 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. every day, at normal conditions and temperatures. Now, owing to the increase in demand, the quality of rubber has deteriorated. The new "G-7" mixture has not got the attraction of the "once-upon-a-time" brands. The old tastes have gone. Perhaps someone would take up the manufacture of the "Ajanta" brand again. I am sure he would find a ready market for his product.

## Royal Guests of the King of Bhutan

**Sumant Khanna**

We were to be the guests of the King of Bhutan. We entered this beautiful hill country at Phuntsholing, the most modern town in the country. I was surprised to see so many shops in such an out-of-the-way place.

As we were the King's guests, five jeeps were put at our disposal. An official, known as a "Dasho", was appointed to accompany us.

When our party arrived at a place called Honka we had lunch. Honka is a small army post. We spent the first night at Paro and on the following morning drove on to Wong-du-Phodrang. This is a very windy place. The wind would almost sweep you off your feet. As the road is very steep, it took us about six hours to travel to Wong-du-Phodrang from Paro.

Next stop was Timphu. The King of Bhutan lives there. The town is a fairly big one and has a population of about ten thousand people.

While I was in Timphu I found out that the present "Druk Gyalpo", or King Jigme Dorji of Bhutan, has a son aged eleven years who is studying in England. He is known as the Crown Prince and will succeed his father.

Class 6-A

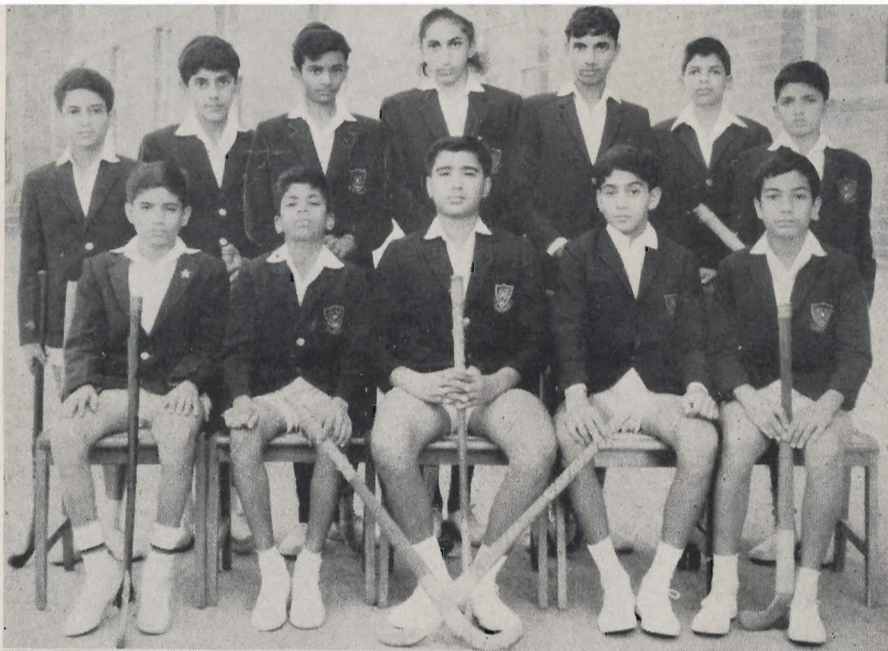


Class 6-B



Class 6-C



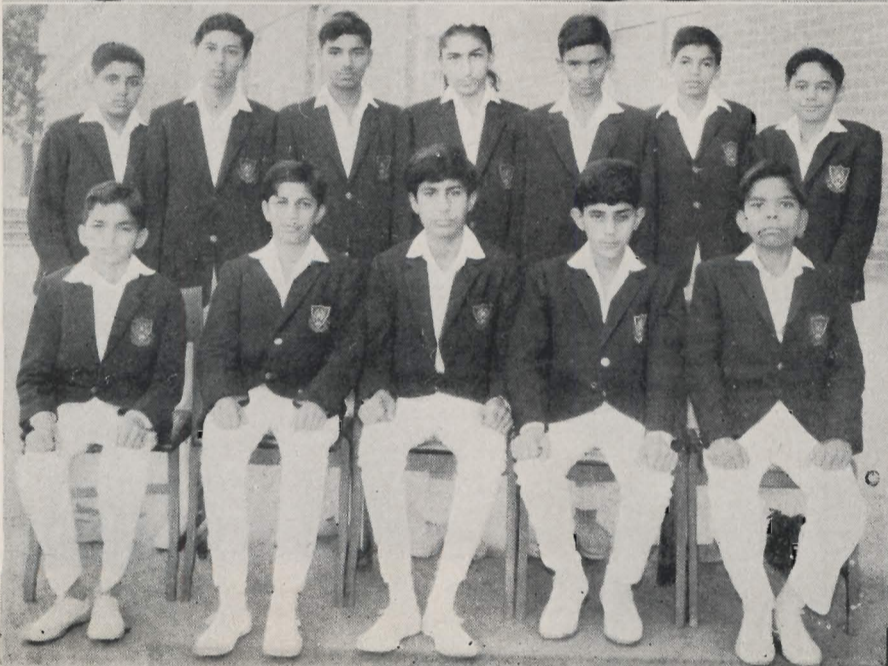


CLASS 7-B  
Triple Champions

Hockey



Football



Cricket



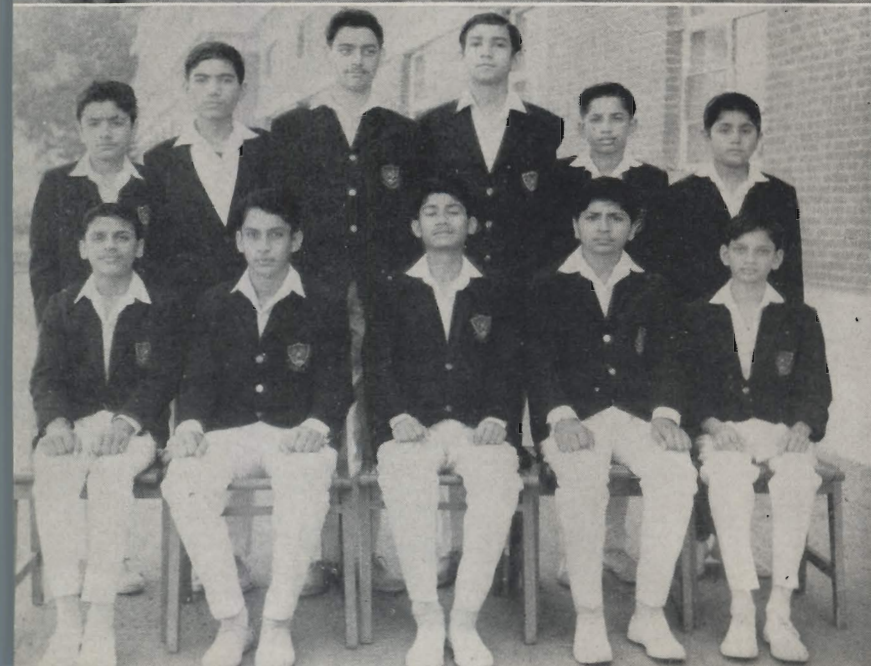


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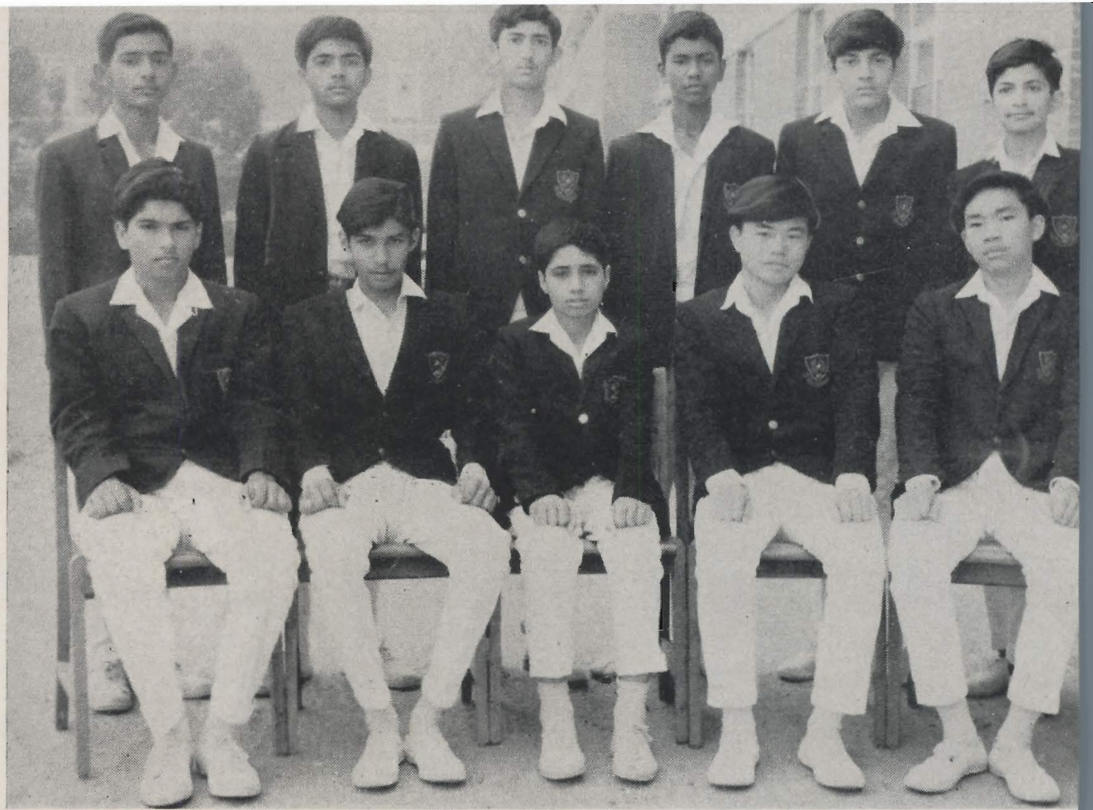


Football



Cricket

CLASS 9-B  
Cricket Champions



## CRICKET 1968

Cricket, as usual, had its ardent devotees in all the classes from Class 6 to Class 11. There were the inevitable tough-luck stories, near misses and a few run-away victories. Also, we had some outstanding individual performances—from R. Dubey and S. Saigal who headed the batting and bowling averages, respectively. All the classes had their moments of glory during a protracted league-cum-knockout championship.

The Junior Section champions were 6-C, as they had an unbeaten record at the end of a brief but noisy league.

The outstanding class in the Middle Section was 8-B who, from the very first match they played—that against 8-A—won convincingly. They never faltered, and emerged undoubted champions.

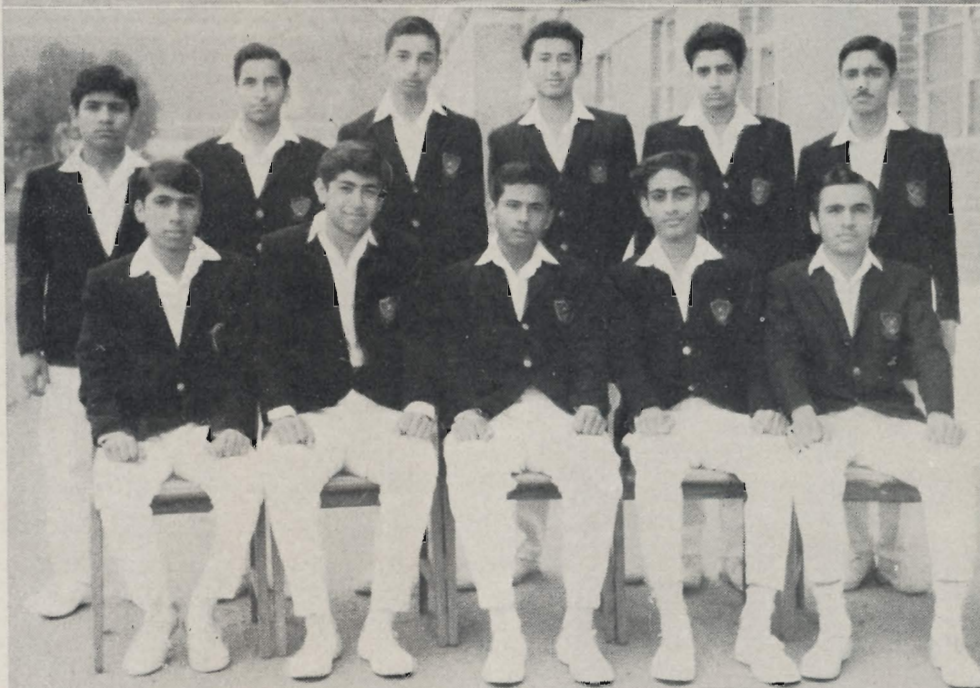
Class 11-C became Senior Champions rather unexpectedly, and easily, as it was generally supposed that 11-B had a better all-round eleven. In the final, however, it was 11-C all the way. They demonstrated, in a very decisive manner, that determination and courage can compensate for deficiencies in skill.

K. P. Barry

Class 10-B  
Football Champions



Class 11-C  
Cricket Champions



Class 10-D  
Hockey Champions





OUR 4'-10"  
FOOTBALL  
TEAM

## Football Tournaments 1968

An interesting feature of the football tournaments this year, 1968, was the predominance of the "B Sections" in the various Inter-Section tournaments that were run during the monsoon. Classes 7-B, 8-B, 9-B, 10-B and 11-B were all successful in competing for top honours, in their respective competitions.

The various tournaments were run on a league basis, an arrangement which necessitated the playing 30 matches for each of the two rounds, plus semi-finals and finals in each division. There were occasional "draws" in the penultimate matches, all of which added up to a very busy season, and a lot of organization for the Staff Members in

charge. Mrs. Donnelly, Barry and Mr. Veigas, on whom fell the burden of seeing the various leagues and championships through, had a rather busy time, but they were rewarded, betimes, with some very keenly contested games, and an all-round improvement at football.

As the tournaments progressed, a major portion of the general interest in the games gravitated towards the Senior Section games. Class 11-B were all conquering in the 11ths, almost. They ran into tough opposition against 11A, the Senior Champions of 1967, and just managed a draw. But, in spite of this, they topped the table in their section.

In the 10ths, it was 10-B all the way. With wingers Saigal and Peter Martins, and pushed along by Br. Donnelly's encouragement and active support, on the half-line, they were unbeatable. Thus, they stormed into the "last four".

The semi-finals pitted 11-A against 10-B and 11-B against 10-A. The match between the first pair was a very close affair. But, in spite of Br. Barry's efforts to humble the junior team, 11-A had to step down. In the other semi-final, 11-B easily disposed of 10-A. Their respective victories brought the two all-conquering giants together, in what proved to be a marathon final.

The 1968 final was a scintillating affair, the teams having to meet thrice before the Senior Champions could be named.

The first two attempts to decide the issue lasted 95 and 105 minutes, respectively. In those first two chapters of the epic, both teams scored once, in each game.

On both occasions the games continued, for the allotted extra minutes, into semi-darkness. Such was the keenness of the teams that, to quote "The Trumpet" correspondent,

'11-B were awarded at least 2 corners'.

The "Final" of all finals went very much to 10-B's liking. They scored 3 goals to 11-B's one, and became undisputed Champions of 1968.

There was the usual crop of "hard-luck stories", in the course of the tournaments. Class 8-E, with Philip Barretto at his sharp-shooting best, could not measure up to the all-round superiority of 8-B. Class 11-A which, as 10-A, had been all-conquering in 1967 tried might and main to give a repeat performance this year but had to bow to the star-studded 11-B. The latter were also very fortunate in having the assistance of Mr. Lawrence.

Owing to the rather crowded home schedule, there was very little time available for playing against neighbouring schools. We did have an outing to St. Xavier's, Delhi, where our Seniors played a good, robust game but lost by one goal. Our "Five-Three" stalwarts made short shrift of their opponents, on the same occasion, but our "Four-Ten" team, having given a star performance for 40 minutes, lost narrowly to a very good St. Xavier's Eleven.

# HOCKEY 1968

Our players enjoyed a very long season this year. We had our own Inter-Class league and quite a few Inter-School games. The Inter-Class League was very successful and kept us busy from February to April. With keen competition and a fair standard of skill, these games attracted a goodly number of spectators every evening. At the end of the "season", Class 10-D were the worthy winners of the Hockey Shield, having beaten all the classes in the Senior Section.

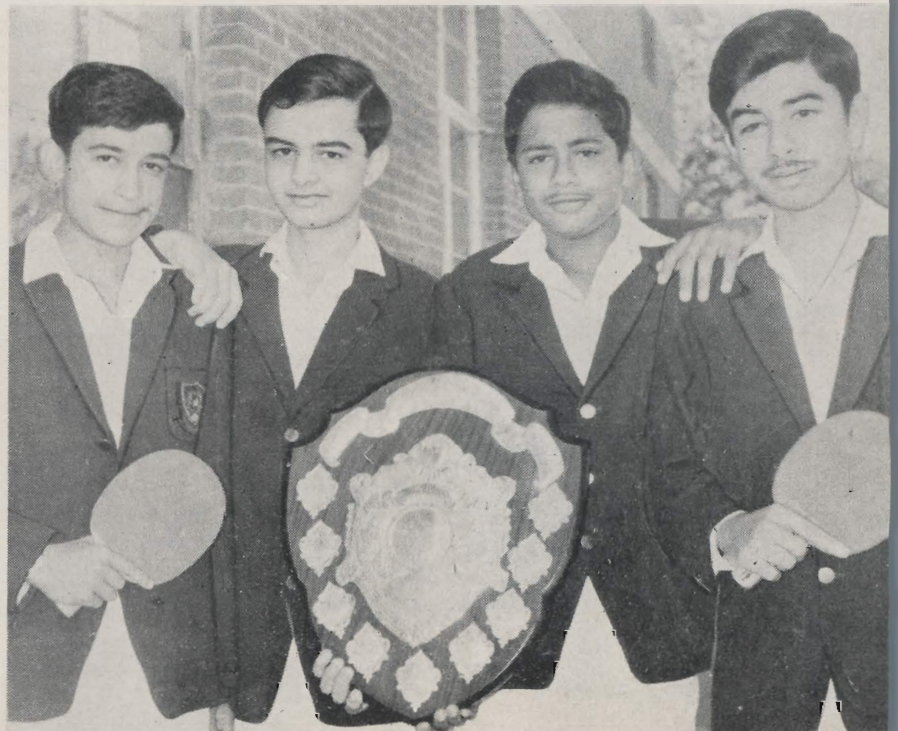
In the Inter-School matches, our Senior and Junior Elevens had a very successful year. The Seniors won the seven games they played and experienced their closest call against St. Mary's, Meerut. Our outstanding players in this section were:

Devichand, in goal, Raisinghani and Khan as backs, and Kapoor, Sood and Gabriel in the forwards.

Our Junior 4' 10" team also had seven outings and showed great promise for the future of hockey in St. Columba's. Arun Lall, Saksena and Khan were particularly effective, while Pande of 9-A also showed great promise. The matches they played against St. Mary's, Meerut and St. Mary's, Delhi Cantt., were very close and exciting. They, too, like their seniors, were unbeaten over the Hockey Season.

—K. P. Barry

CLASS 10-C  
T. T. Champions





# News from Old Boys

Sports Day 1968—Old Boys' Race!

*Item* : The following Ex-Columbans were commissioned in the I.M.A. on Dec. 21st, 1968 :  
Nevis Braganza, Naresh Malhotra, Promod Bhanot (all of the 1964 I.S.C.).

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Nevis was awarded the Gold Medal for Military History, when commissioned. Naresh Malhotra who learned his swimming in S.C.S. was awarded "Blues" for both water polo and the butterfly stroke. As he had already earned these coveted honours while in the N.D.A., he was further awarded a replica of a special trophy, for proficiency in swimming. Congratulations to both Nevis and Naresh !

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*Item* : Uriel Kolet (1966) has merited a pilot's licence (small planes), recently, and is offering *free* flights to staff Members of S.C.S.

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*Item* : Hundreds of Old Boys turned out for the special "200", for them, on Sports Day, 1968. Some of them *did not hear* the directions re. running the race, and, so, took the shortest route to the tape. It is still a mystery how the judges managed to pick winners.

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*Item* : Ramesh A. Mirchandani, Chander Ramchandani, Vinod K. Gupta, Amitava Sen (All Distinctions) and Navin Jerath of the 1962 S.C. did exceptionally well when completing their engineering courses in I.I.T., Delhi, this year.

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Chander is now doing his "Master's" at M.I.T., with "Systems' Analysis" as his speciality. Ramesh Mirchandani was one of two engineers, from all over India, selected by Philips to do a "Masters" in Holland. Amitava Sen, Navin Jarath and Vinod Gupta have all gone to the U.S.A. for further studies.

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*Item* : Pradeep Maitra (I.I.T., Delhi) and Ashok Chandra (I.I.T., Kanpur) of the I.S.C. '63 class are doing exceptionally well in their respective Colleges.

*Item* : Berkeley DAILY GAZETTE of June 26, 1968, published the following :

AWARD TO PURI—Tilak Puri, recent graduate in Architecture, from the University of California, receives (photo showing presentation) an autographed edition of "Urban Landscape Design" by Prof. Garrett Eckbo, Chairman of the Department of Landscape Architecture, College of Environmental Design, U.C. Berkeley. President Herbert Johnson, A.R.A., of the Northern Chapter of the Society of American Registered Architects, makes the presentation.

*Note*—The award is made to the student who stands "First" at Graduation. T. Puri sat for his S.C. Exam. in S.C.S. in 1960.

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*Item* : G. Hassu (1963), P. Gondal and P. Singh Gumman (1966) represented Delhi University in hockey this year.

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*Item* : V. Sundaram—and Old Columban—playing for Hindu College, knocked 124 and 54 runs in the 1st and 2nd innings, respectively, in the marathon St. Stephen's v Hindu College Cricket Championships of 1968.

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*Item* : Devinder Puri was undefeated University T.T. champion for five years in a row.

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*Item* : Deepak Whorra (1966) is heading his class at Eng. Hons. in St. Stephen's.

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*Item* : Pankaj Tandon (1966) topped the list of All-India Entrance Scholarships this year. He is specializing in Economics and has captured a "first" for acting, in College, also. He was further chosen to join the "Comex Expedition" to Ceylon, in December 1968.

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*Item* : Amitabha Basu (1966) has also hit the headlines, with setting up a record "First Year" total in Physics. He is studying in St. Stephen's College.

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*Item* : Y. Gondal (1961) is lecturing, in English, at Ramjas College.

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*Item* : Dr. Harmit Singh (1956) qualified for the award of a M.D. Degree in 1968.

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*Item* : Ashwani Seth (1963) and Nirupam Sen (1962) were both contenders for the Rhodes Scholarship in 1968 and were called for an interview, for selection.



## STAFF NEWS

*Item:* Miss Clancy retires from teaching, this year. We wish her a long and happy rest, after many years of strenuous and devoted work in St. Columba's.

Mrs. Behram has gone to the U. S. A. Sheila Pant has emigrated to Canada. Mrs. Alvares has gone to England, Miss Sinclair, to Australia. Our thanks, and best wishes to one and all in their adopted countries.

Brs. Donnelly (to Chandigarh), Loram (to Asansol), Conway (to Asansol) and Rigney (as Principal of Goethal's Memorial School) have gone on transfer. Brs. Moynihan, O'Sullivan and Kyle have returned to St. Columba's. Br. McKeogh celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a Christian Brother, this year.

### OLD BOYS' DINNER '67





# Principal's Report for 1968

As our school year draws to an end, we meet once again for our Annual Prize Giving. I welcome you all. Many of you have come at various times for our Sports, Concerts, Elocution Competitions and Swimming Meets. I thank you for coming and we are encouraged by your presence. I welcome, especially, Dr. Khanna who is himself an eminent educationist, and has also been connected by ties of friendship with St. Columba's for many years.

The year that is just coming to an end has been a busy one for all at St. Columba's. In the classrooms, in the laboratories, on the playing fields, in the swimming pool and on the stage we have worked and played. Our object is to prepare our boys for life. We believe that each boy is an individual person, having an immortal soul with an eternal destiny. Consequently, our efforts are directed toward the moral, intellectual and physical training of our pupils. Here, the role of the teachers is a decisive one, and we are keenly aware of our responsibility toward the young people committed to our care. To this end emphasis is placed on Moral Instruction and Character Formation. Our Social Service Club provides an outlet to the boys for service to the neighbour. Every month the boys in each class contribute a substantial amount, out of their pocket money, to help the poor in various parts of Delhi.

## **Academic Achievements**

Looking back over the academic achievements of the past year, I am happy to inform you that, of the 148 boys presented for the Indian School

Certificate Examination of 1967, 88 secured First Division, 48 secured Second Division and 11, Third Division. One boy was not successful. An analysis of the results shows that there were 44 distinctions in English Literature, 37 in English Language, 14 in Hindi, 35 in Mathematics, 24 in Physics and 36 in Chemistry. Four boys secured places on the All-India Merit List, i.e. within the first 50 places in India. Ten were selected for the award of scholarships and certificates of merit under the National Science Talent Search Scholarship Examination Scheme of 1968. Sixteen passed the entrance examination for the I. I. T. and others are studying in various engineering and other colleges in Delhi and outside Delhi.

Examinations and examination results remain important. There is a tendency, sometimes, to discredit both. But those, who do, ignore the stern realities of life, of which you, parents, are keenly aware. It is only by unrelenting study and careful attention to daily tasks that our boys can fit themselves to face the world of fierce competition that lies before them. In this they are ably guided and assisted by their teachers who constantly urge them to make full use of their talents, which they undoubtedly possess. I congratulate both teachers and pupils on that result.

## **SPORTS**

The lighter, but none-the-less important, side of school life received due attention also. In February, we held our Annual Sports and Drill Display, in the National Stadium. More than 1,500 boys took part in the drill, and presented an impressive spectacle to the crowds of parents and well-wishers who attended the function.

From March to October our swimming pool catered for about 300 boys every day. During the summer vacation months about 100 boys came for swimming practice, daily, and made rapid progress under the guidance of their instructors. Our Senior and Junior Swimming Teams participated in the various swimming meets held in Delhi, winning the Inter-School Championships and the All-India Children's Meet Championship. In the Delhi Olympic Championships our senior boys won the Men's Open Championship, and our juniors won the Under-14 Championship. Eight of our boys were chosen to represent Delhi State, at the National Championships, held at Kanpur, in October. Dorian Punj won the Gold Medal for diving, there.

Inter-Class competitions in Cricket, Hockey, Football and Table Tennis aroused keen interest throughout the year. Our Senior and Junior Hockey teams played a number of matches at home and away, and gave an excellent account of themselves.

### **CULTURAL MEET**

The Christian Brothers' Inter-School Cultural Meet was held in St. Joseph's, Naini Tal, this year. Our schools from Chandigarh, Simla, Naini Tal and Delhi took part. The competitions included: Extempore Speaking, Elocution, General Knowledge, Football and Table Tennis. Our boys were first in Extempore Speaking, Elocution, and General Knowledge. We won the Brother Rice Shield, for the best all-round team. Earlier in the year our boys won the Inter-School Tennis Championship, in Delhi.

### **ANNUAL CONCERT**

The Annual Concert was held in November and, for four nights, the packed audience enjoyed the display of song, music and drama in both Hindi and English, presented by the Junior and Senior Boys. Great credit is due to their teachers who worked so hard to bring the boys to near perfection.

### **OUR NEW SCHOOL**

This year has seen the completion of our Middle School Block which we expect to have fully occupied by January next year. The main features of the new building are :

Social Studies Lab., Science Lab. and Demonstration Room, Library, Canteen and Art and Craft Room. The classrooms are airy and well lighted.

The erection of the new building has made it possible to enlarge our existing Physics and Chemistry Laboratories, and to provide a new Biology Laboratory for our ever-increasing numbers of Biology students. The furnishing of the New Building and the enlarging of the Science Rooms have been delayed owing to a shortage of funds. The School Authorities are faced with a burden of re-paying the loan for the erection of the new building—up to 3 lakhs of rupees a year, for the next four or five years. This will mean that priority will have to be given to essential requirements, and that less important items will be added in slow stages. From next year, alternative subjects to Physics, Chemistry and Additional Mathematics will be introduced, to enable boys to specialize in the subjects of their choice.

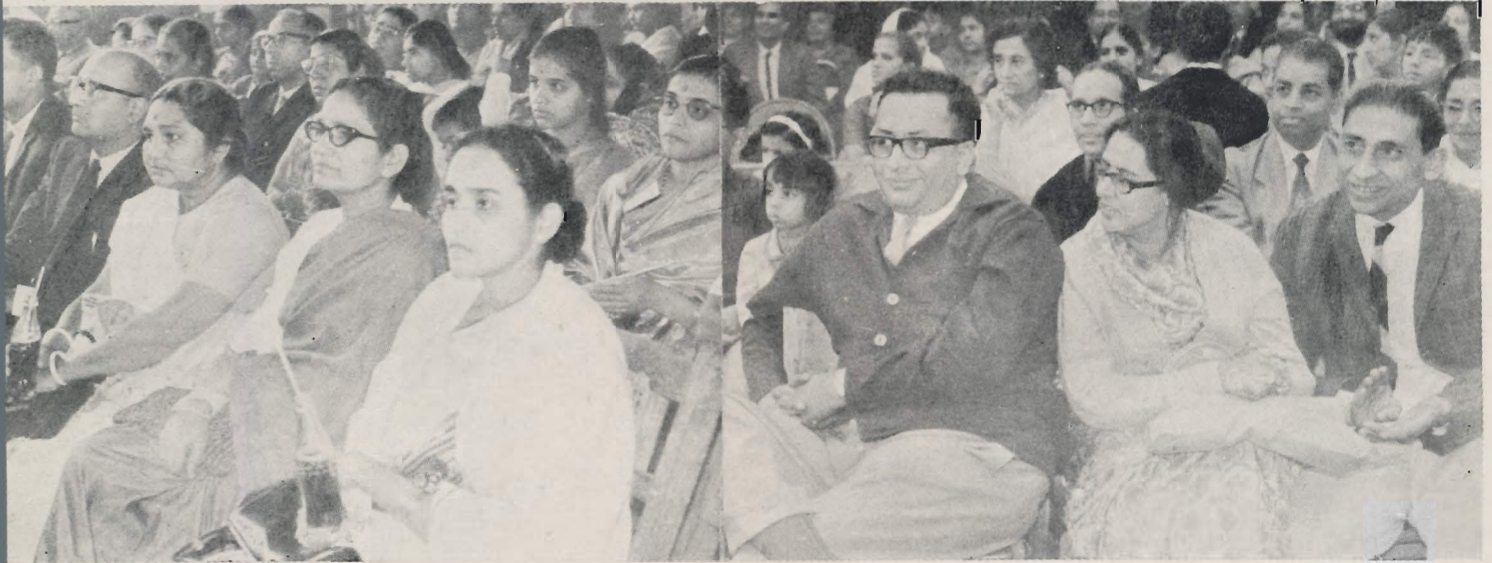
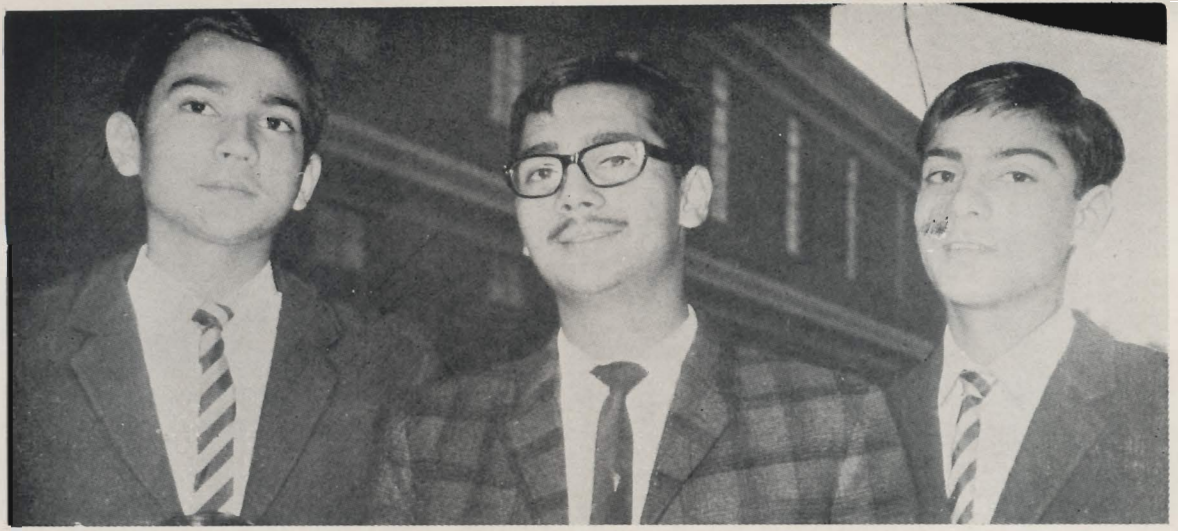
### **VISITORS**

From time to time, during the year, we have had visitors from abroad coming to our school. In March we had a group of seven American Educationists,

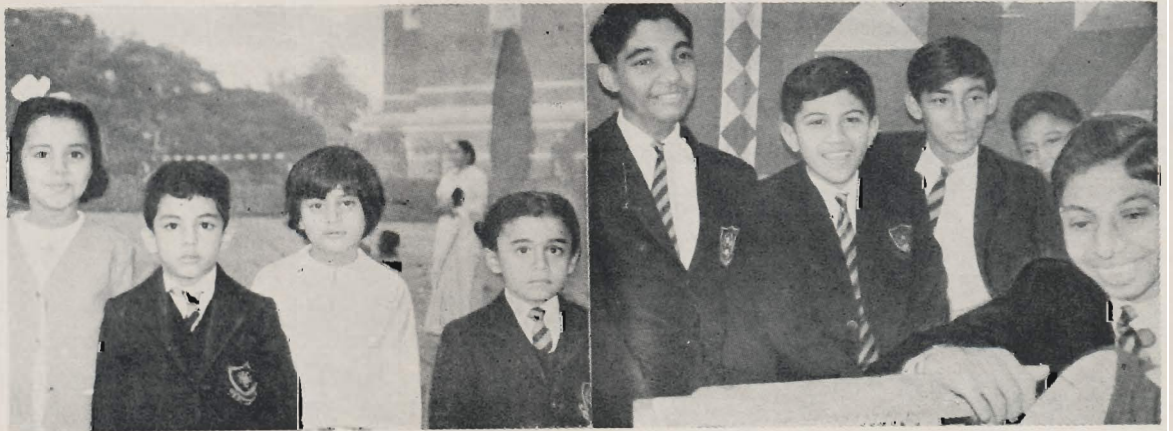
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# THE DUBEY BROTHERS

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# ANNUAL PRIZE DAY —1967



in August, the Irish Prime Minister and, lately, groups of Christian Brothers from Ireland have passed through Delhi, on their way to our General Chapter which is being held in Melbourne, in December. This Chapter Meeting coincides with the centenary celebrations of the foundation of our schools in Australia. Many of our visitors had heard much about our school, but this was the first opportunity they had of seeing things for themselves. All have been very favourably impressed with what they saw at St. Columba's—with teachers, boys, and the lay-out of our buildings and play fields.

### CONCLUSION

We, too, are proud of our school. A spirit of friendliness and co-operation exists between the teachers and pupils. In this relationship lies the secret of the teacher's ability to impart knowledge and, also, the secret of the pupil's receptivity. I am confident that this spirit will continue to inspire us all to make even greater efforts in the year ahead.

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## THE FAMILY CROCODILE

A. CHATTERJI 4-A

When our family lived in West Africa we had two hedgehogs and a crocodile as pets, in the big garden at the back of our house. The crocodile lived in a small pond in the corner of the garden. He was only a baby crocodile. That's why we were not afraid of him. At first Mummy would not let us touch him but very soon she let us do so as he never snapped at us.

I used to feed him chopped-up meat every day. After a meal he used lie at the edge of the pool and sun himself. When he opened his mouth you could see that he had lots of sharp teeth.

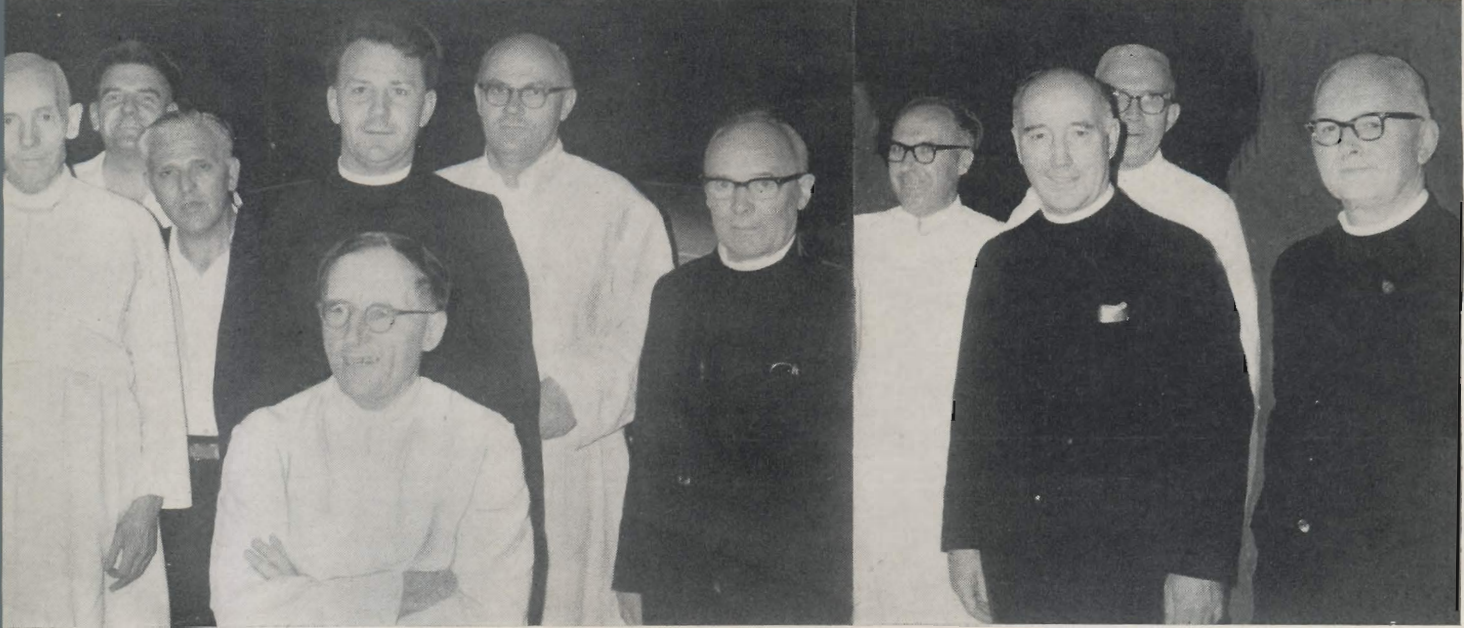
Somebody once threw a live fish into the pond with our crocodile and, strange to say, he did not gobble up the fish. Maybe he was not fast enough to catch it.

When we were leaving Africa, to come back to India, we could not bring the crocodile with us. Daddy did not explain why. I suppose we could not get a seat for him on a plane. So our pet crocodile was released into a big river.



**Dr. P.J. Hillery (3rd from left), Minister for Labour, Ireland, and Mrs. Hillery Meet Some of the Irish Community in Delhi.**

**Brothers from Ireland Visit St. Columba's**



# My Efforts at "Journalism"

K. S. Bhaskar 10-A

Mr. X told me to write an article for the School Magazine and, as I was expected to at least have a try, I set about the "noxious" job.

I first turned over various likely topics in my mind. None of my "original" articles would probably ever reach the press, so I thought it better to forget them, but, just in case anybody should ever be in the same state in future years, I will list, briefly, a few topics that should never be attempted.

Number One topic that hit my thoughts was 'Class Picnics' during 1968. Everybody would be writing about them and not one would ever appear in print. Anyway, who wants to read about picnics ?

I'll try poetry, I thought. Yes, I was good at tearing other people's efforts to pieces. I did have some ability in writing parodies, thereby ruining famous poets' reputations. But, maybe, if I tried that in "The Columban" I might be had up for libel. Then, they would never get past the waste-paper basket. Flowery verses about people you don't like are, somehow, never appreciated by "musty" old Editors (Sorry ! I meant "crusty".)

The latest discoveries in science, jokes from the Stone Age, riddles about Mohenjo Daro and other masterpieces from my interesting collection have been all heard before and would get the red pencil.

Having gone through the whole gamut, I wisely concluded that writing a suitable article was just beyond me. But just in case anyone should think that I was just not interested, I should like them to know, through these few lines, that I am very much so.

## Obituary

We regret to announce the death of Ramesh Kapur who was killed in an air accident, on Dec. 23rd, 1967. Ramesh passed his Senior Cambridge Examination in 1957, joined the N.D.A. at Kharakvasla, in July 1960, and was commissioned for the Indian Air Force, at Jodhpur, in July 1964.

In the month of December 1967, he was posted to Hakimpet as an instructor in the Jet Training Wing and was killed while on test flight duty, on the 23rd of Dec., 1967.

During his training in both the N.D.A. and Hakimpet, Ramesh distinguished himself. He stood 2nd in the entrance exam to Kharakvasla and held the post of Battalion Cadet Adjutant while in training. He was further awarded the Chief of Staff's Medal, when he had completed his flying training at Hakimpet.

Speaking of the qualities of Ramesh, Air Vice-Marshal T.S. Virk, Training Command, I.A.F. Bangalore, said :

"He was liked and respected by his seniors and juniors alike for his qualities of head and heart. He was a conscientious and sincere officer. In his untimely and premature death, the Air Force has lost a really good officer, and a brilliant career has been cut short."

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!



# FINAL EXAMINATIONS

*Junior Boys  
Look Confident*



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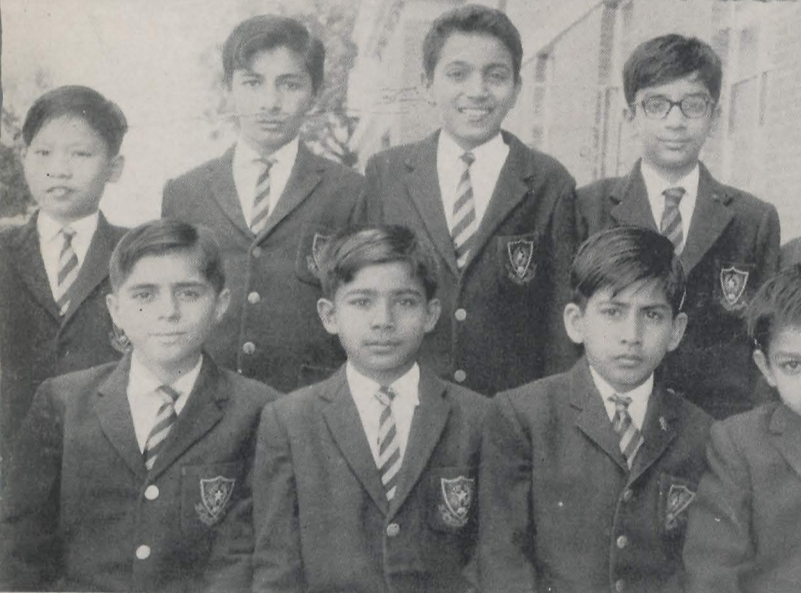
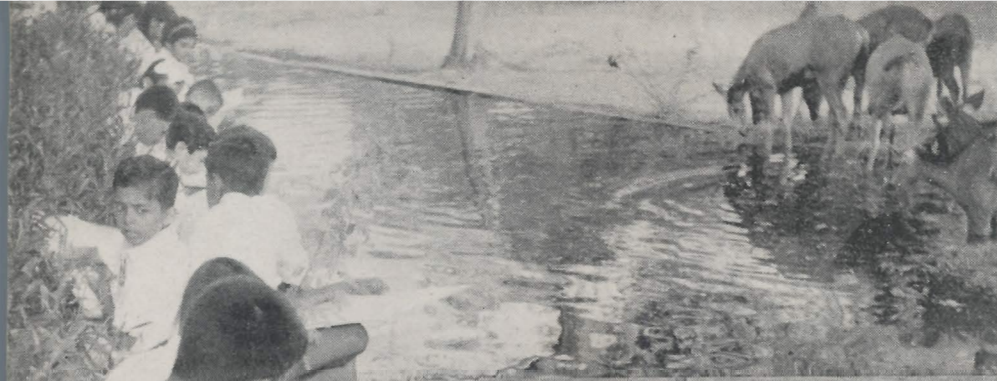


CLASSES SEVEN AND EIGHT



BEFORE THE NEW BUILDING

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Our Junior Artists

Happy Prize Winners

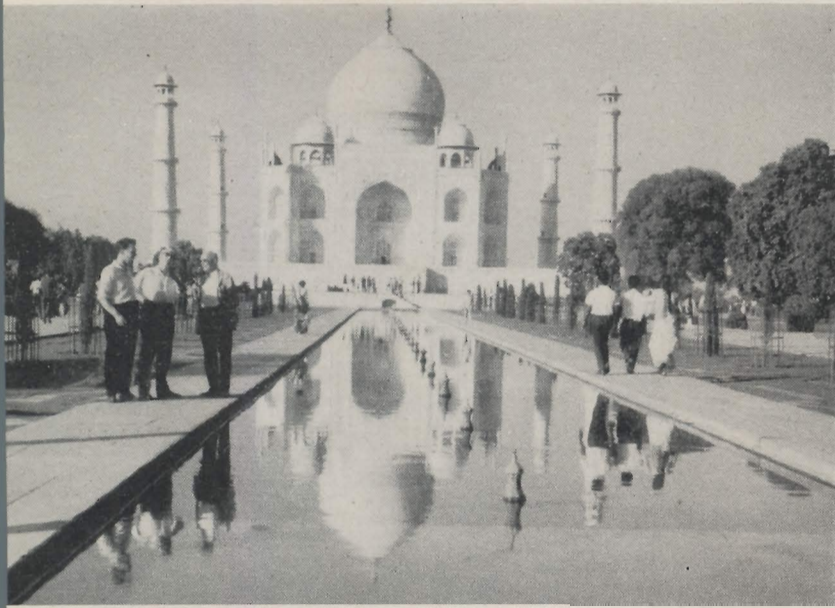


Photo of Plaque at the Taj

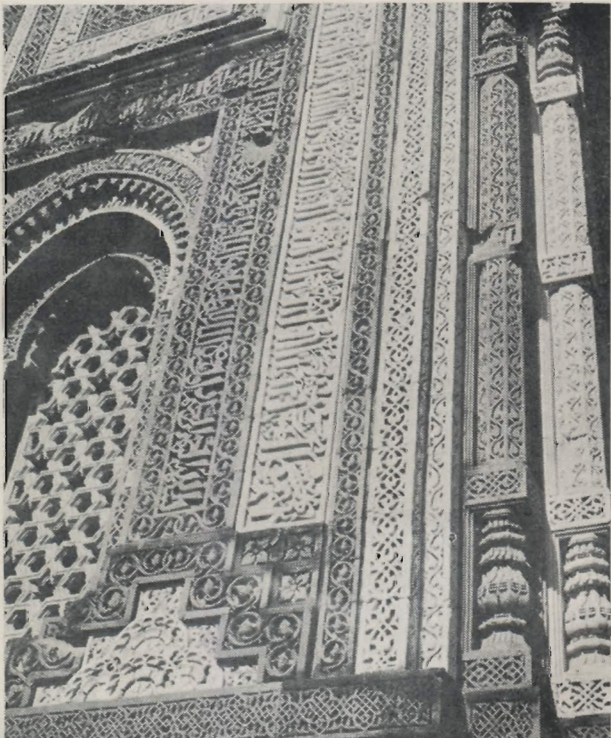
THE TAJ MAHAL WAS BUILT BETWEEN 1631 AND 1653 BY EMPEROR SHAH JAHAN (1627-1658) AS THE TOMB FOR HIS WIFE ARJUMAND BETTER KNOWN AS MUMTAZ MAHAL, "ORNAMENT OF THE PALACE." BORN IN 1592, THE DAUGHTER OF ASAF KHAN, SHE MARRIED SHAH JAHAN IN 1612 AND DIED IN 1631 AFTER THE BIRTH OF HER FOURTEENTH CHILD. AFTER HIS DEATH THE EMPEROR WAS BURIED BY HER SIDE.

Brothers From Ireland Visit the Taj

## Photo Gallery

A View with a Difference

At the Qutab Minar—Ornamental Gateway



Saradindhu Sanyal, writing in "A Window on Sport" (Hindustan Times), stated, on Sunday, Feb. 24th, 1968 :

"The annual sports day of St. Columba's High School in New Delhi is, in every way, a spectacle of the highest order. The vast National Stadium, which is normally empty and silent, reverberates, at least one day in the year, with the sound of laughter and cheers of several thousand young and old people who are privileged to be present on the occasion. The programme never bores the spectator, because every year there is something new, something special about it.

This time, the school, perhaps the only one in the country, spotlighted the fact that this is the Olympic Year. This was splendidly conceived and beautifully executed. High up on the open stand, on the eastern side of the stadium, several hundred boys formed themselves into five inter-connected rings, as in the Olympic insignia. Dressed in coloured vests, the five rings were red, green, yellow, black and blue—an exact replica of the rings on the Olympic Flag. Just below this, another group formed the figures 1968.

Another innovation, this year, was the Khukri Drill, which was spectacular. The show ended in a grand finale, in which 2,000 boys took part. All in all, it was a thrilling experience to see what discipline and training can accomplish. But the pity of it all is that there are not many more schools which can do what St. Columba's does year after year.



## O U R T H A N K S

To the Staff who encouraged the boys to write articles for The Columban,

To the boys who contributed material for our Annual,

To Mr. Joshi, Artist of the Times of India, who spent a lot of his free time setting out The Columban.